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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1950

1. The opening session of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America was held in Richmond, Indiana, the nineteenth of October, 1950, at seven-thirty o'clock. This is the tenth meeting to be held.

2. The Presiding Clerk, Algie I. Newlin, appointed in 1945, called the meeting to order. After the congregation had united in worship by use of the hymn, "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned," the Clerk gave a brief devotional message and the meeting settled into a period of worship, at the close of which Ellen Robinson brought an impressive message in song, "Come, Ye Blessed."

3. The roll of delegates and alternates appointed by the constituent Yearly Meetings was called. One hundred thirty-one delegates and forty-one alternates were present. Delegates were instructed to keep delegations full by using alternates in order appointed, unless otherwise arranged by the appointing meetings. The roll as furnished by the constituent Yearly Meetings follows:

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Katherine A. W. Simon, *Chairman*, 7727 York Rd., Rowson 4, Maryland.
Edward F. Raiford, Route 2, Holland Virginia.
Arthur W. Silver, 129 Maplewood Ave., Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania.
Theodate P. Wilson, Purcellville, Virginia.
Herbert M. Hadley, 2111 Florida Ave., Washington 8, D. C.
Emmet M. Frazier, 4615 Sylvan Road, Richmond 24, Virginia.

Alternates

James Hunter, Glyndon, Maryland.
James R. Stein, Jr., Sedley, Virginia.
William R. Neave, R. R. 2, Ivor, Virginia.

CALIFORNIA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Donald B. Spitler, *Chairman,* Box 389, Whittier, California.
Glen Rinard, Route 1, Box 895, Roseville, California.
Virgil J. Lancaster, Route 4, Box 40, Turlock, California.
L. Glenn Switzer, 1215 Del Ray Ave., Pasadena 8, California.
J. Parker Cosand, 1415 South 4th St., Alhambra, California.
John W. Wright, Route 3, Box 51, Holtville, California.
Blaine G. Bronner, Box 160, Spring Valley, California.
Ropert E. Cope, 310 East Philadelphia St., Whittier, California.
Jean Coffin, 12191 S. Magnolia, Garden Grove, California.
W. Roy Ware, Box 108, Whittier, California.
Jesse S. Drinen, 640 Bayless St., Azusa, California.

Alternates

G. Thoburn Davis, 293 Molino Ave., Long Beach 3, California.
John Spitler, Box 508, Ramona, California.
Henry D. Cox, 1103 W. Camilla, Whittier, California.

CANADA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Fred Haslam, *Chairman,* 60 Lowther Ave., Toronto 5, Ontario, Canada.
Stanley Van Every, R. R. No. 2, Welland, Ontario, Canada.
Dorothy Starr, R. R. No. 3, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada.
John Petrie, 20 Stanhope Ave., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
Margaret Pennington, 46 Wanless Cres., Toronto 12, Ontario, Canada.

Alternates

Burton S. W. Hill, 56 Glen Morris St., Galt, Ontario, Canada.
Alice Pennington, 46 Wanless Cres., Toronto 12, Ontario, Canada.
Claire Van Every, R. R. No. 2, Welland, Ontario, Canada.

CUBA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Juan Sierra, *Chairman*, Puerto Padre, Oriente, Cuba.
Miguel A. Tamayo, Banes, Oriente, Cuba.
Juan Guzman, Banes, Oriente, Cuba.

EAST AFRICA YEARLY MEETING

Delegate

Benjamin Ngaira, Kaimosi Secondary School, Kisumu, Kenya Colony, East Africa.

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Fred E. Smith, *Chariman*, 109 N. 17th, Richmond, Indiana.
Errol T. Elliott, 101 South 8th, Richmond, Indiana.
Norval E. Webb, 25 South 15th, Richmond, Indiana.
John Compton, 120 Granville, Muncie, Indiana.
Thomas E. Jones, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.
Leonard R. Hall, 101 South 8th, Richmond, Indiana.
Clyde Harned, Straughn, Indiana.
Raymond McCracken, R. D. 2, Fairmount, Indiana.
Murray C. Johnson, 1515 S. Adams, Marion, Indiana.
Clayton R. Hiatt, R. D. 4, Cassapolis, Michigan.
Louise Brinkley, Fountain City, Indiana.
John R. Walter, Pennville, Indiana.
Francis Runnion, R. D. 4, Van Wert, Ohio.
Logan W. Smith, Amboy, Indiana.
Everett Chapman, Carthage, Indiana.
Arend Vlaskamp, 317 Riverside Ave., Muncie, Indiana.
John Randolph, Farmland, Indiana.
Wayne Myer, R. R. 1, Spiceland, Indiana.
Willella Henley, Carthage, Indiana.

Alternates

Nellie Markle, 528 National Road West, Richmond, Indiana.
Edgar I. Manning, R. D., Economy, Indiana.
Delmar Mock, Sixth and Water Sts., Jonesboro, Indiana.
Hattie Leaser, Knightstown, Indiana.
Ellen Gentry, R. D. 2, Greentown, Indiana.
Edward Ransome, Fountain City, Indiana.
Blanche Morrical, 233 E. High, Portland, Indiana.
Olive Payne, 740 Hawthorne, New Castle, Indiana.
Lillian Chant, 210 S. Franklin St., Van Wert, Ohio.
Harry Cooper, R. D. 1, Carthage, Indiana.
Billy Lewis, 141 N. Orchard Ave., Dayton 7, Ohio.
M. Marie Cassell, Fairmount, Indiana.
Ruth Williamson, 931 N. Jefferson, Muncie, Indiana.
Dora Adams, R. R. 1, Fairmount, Indiana.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Lawrence Sams, *Chairman,* Earlham, Iowa.
Guilford Street, New Providence, Iowa.
Roy S. Williams, 813 North C St., Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Kenneth Eichenberger, William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Athena Mortimer, R. F. D., Grinnell, Iowa.
Charles O. Whitely, 613 West St., Grinnell, Iowa.
Richard P. Newby, 4448 Washburn Ave. So., Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Orval H. Cox, 411 W. Church St., Marshalltown, Iowa.
Gerald Dillon, New Sharon, Iowa.
Bernard L. White, Rochester, Minnesota.
Glenwood L. Stanley, 107 W. Boston Ave., Indianaola, Iowa.
Esther Figgens, R. F. D. 4, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Alternates

Minnie Zelliot, 1006 44th Place, Des Moines, Iowa.
Andrew Stuart, Lynnville, Iowa.

JAMAICA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

George Minott, *Chairman,* Port Antonio, Jamaica, B. W. I.
Kenneth B. M. Crooks, Hectors River P. O., Jamaica, B. W. I.
Mabei Vincent, Buff Bay, Jamaica, B. W. I.

MEXICO YEARLY MEETING

Delegate

Fortunato Castillo, Hormiga 41, Mexico 14, D. F., Mexico.

NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Lyman C. Platt, *Chairman,* Deer Trail, Colorado.
Casper Hanson, Gary, South Dakota.
Ora W. Carrell, Central City, Nebraska.
Dale V. Benton, Allen, Nebraska.
Blanche Allen, Hay Springs, Nebraska.
Raymond D. Mesner, Central City, Nebraska.
Raymond Platt, Las Animas, Colorado.

Alternates

Ava C. Maris, 4128 Grove St., Denver, Colorado.
Evalena Macy, Palmer Lake, Colorado.
T. Clio Brown, 111 N. Walnut, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Ernest Allen, Hay Springs, Nebraska.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Russell D. Brooks, *Chairman,* 126 Smithfield Rd., Woonsocket, Rhode Island.
Arthur Jones, Winthrop, Maine.
James A. Coney, North Berwick, Maine.
Mary C. Cadbury, 5238 Woodlawn, Chicago, Illinois.
Myron I. Jenness, R. F. D. 3, Dover, New Hamphshire.
Winslow H. Osborne, 88 North Maine St., Concord, New Hampshire.

Alexander C. Purdy, 96 Sherman St., Hartford 5, Connecticut.
Ruth D. B. White, 123 Lorimer Ave., Providence 6, Rhode Island.

Alternates

Grace P. Atkins, 25 Glenwood St., Lynn, Massachusetts.
Marion E. Kelsey, 230 Main St., Amesbury, Massachusetts.
Charles W. Mesner, 29 Tremont St., New Bedford, Massachusetts.
Forrest E. Wheeler, 223 Pleasant St., Leicester, Massachusetts.

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

George A. Badgley, *Chairman,* Wappingers Falls, New York.
Alfred J. Henderson, Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, New York.
Levinus K. Painter, Collins, New York.
Eleanor W. Taber, 39 E. 78th St., New York 21, New York.
Margaret S. Garone, 85-22 115th St., Richmond Hill, New York.
Richard T. Lane, Box 550, Poughkeepsie, New York.
A. Russell Heaton, 51 Market St., Poughkeepsie, New York.
Robert Rumsey, 7 Oneida St., Glens Falls, New York.
Augustus W. Benedict, R. D. 2, Rome, New York.

Alternates

Katherine E. Cook, 227a, Monroe St., Brooklyn 16, New York.
Howard L. Carey, 387 Lafayette Ave., Brooklyn 5, New York.
Elizabeth L. Hazard, Union Springs, New York.
Ruth E. Craig, Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, New York.

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

D. Virgil Pike, *Chairman*, 401 Evergreen Ave., High Point, North Carolina.
Ezra Pate, 507 North Daisy, Goldsboro, North Carolina.
Clifton C. Pearson, Archdale, North Carolina.
Sara R. Haworth, S. Main St., Ext., High Point, North Carolina.
Bertha V. Smith White, Belvidere, North Carolina.
Elizabeth L. Ott, Guilford College, North Carolina.
Dorothy L. Gilbert, Guilford College, North Carolina.
Algie I. Newlin, Guilford College, North Carolina.
Charles Hendricks, Guilford College, North Carolina.
Isaac Harris, Guilford College, North Carolina.
Lutie A. Woody, 1219 Sunset Drive North, Asheboro, North Carolina.
Seth B. Hinshaw, 401 Worth St., Asheboro, North Carolina.
Ethel E. Payne, 230 S. Main St., Mt. Airy, North Carolina.
Luby R. Casey, Box 280, R. F. D. 5, Goldsboro, North Carolina.
Virginia S. Hauser, 185 Church St., Mt. Airy, North Carolina.
Bascom G. Rollins, R. F. D., Snow Camp, North Carolina.
Herschel M. Hill, Route 1, Dunn, North Carolina.
Carl Yow, Belvidere, North Carolina.

Alternates

Milton H. Hadley, 601 Springfield Road, High Point, North Carolina.
Clyde A. Milner, Guilford College, North Carolina.

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Marcus Kendall, *Chairman*, Carmel, Indiana.
Walter E. Carter, Russiaville, Indiana.
Glenn A. Reece, Plainfield, Indiana.
Alvin T. Coate, 2451 Broadway, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Herman Allee, Bloomingdale, Indiana.

John Barclay, R. R. 3, Paoli, Indiana.
Russell E. Rees, 10937 S. California St., Chicago 43, Illinois.
Geraldine H. Moorman, R. R. 1, Coatesville, Indiana.
Sumner Mills, R. R. 7, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Norman Young, 623 E. Walnut St., Kokomo, Indiana.
Fred S. Reed, 1507 Woodlawn Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.
Stacy E. Wesner, Carmel, Indiana.
Belva Newsom, Elizabethtown, Indiana.
Herschel E. Peery, Thorntown, Indiana.
Allen N. Reynolds, Vermilion Grove, Illinois.
Lillie E. Horney, R. R. 3, Sheridan, Indiana.
Marguerite Fields, Mooresville, Indiana.
Gail Freeman, Greentown, Indiana.

WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

David O. Stanfield, *Chairman,* Route 2, Wilmington, Ohio.
Oliver R. McCoy, Wilmington, Ohio
Calvin Gregory, Friendsville, Tennessee.
Lester Figgins, New Burlington, Ohio.
James Terrell, New Vienna, Ohio.
Bessie B. Haworth, R. R., Wilmington, Ohio.
Howard Yates, Tellico Plains, Tennessee.
Howard Thorne, Wilmington, Ohio.
Esther Crawford, Xenia, Ohio.
Rendel Carey, Wilmington, Ohio.

Alternates

John Harvey, Highland, Ohio.
Mary B. McVey, 802 Rombach Ave., Wilmington, Ohio.
Mary K. Farquhar, Wilmington, Ohio.
Marjorie Haydock, New Burlington, Ohio.
Lindley Best, Alcoa Trail, Alcoa, Tennessee.

4. The following Yearly Meetings of Friends outside the Five Years Meeting have appointed Friends to visit this meeting. On behalf of the meting, the Clerk extended cordial welcome to those present and invited them to participate in our sessions. The roll of visiting Friends follows:

LONDON YEARLY MEETING

Barrow Cadbury, 73 Wellington Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15, England.
Dorothy Cadbury, 73 Wellington Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham 15, England.
Eric Curtis, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.
Esther Curtis, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.
Edith Forward, Friends House, Euston Road, London, N. W. I., England.
Stanley J. Forward, Friends House, Euston Road, London, N. W. I., England.
Elfrida Vipont Foulds, Greengarth, Yealand Conyers, Carnforth, Lancaster, England.

THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY

Anna Hartshorne Brown, Westtown, Pennsylvania.
Mary Hoxie Jones, 757 Polo Road, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.
Albert B. Maris, 554 S. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.
Edith R. Maris, 554 S. Lansdowne Ave., Lansdowne, Pennsylvania.
Howard G. Taylor, Jr., 304 Arch Street, Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania.
Mary Roberts Taylor, 304 Arch Street, Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania.
D. Martin Trueblood, 1441 Hamilton St., Allentown, Pennsylvania.
Richard R. Wood, 304 Arch Street, Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS (RACE STREET)

J. Passmore Elkinton, 741 Harvard Ave., Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Anna G. Elkinton, 741 Harvard Ave., Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

William Eves, 3rd, George School, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Dorothy G. Harris, 209 Garrett Avenue, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

Irving Hollingshead, 3rd and Chestnut, Moorestown, New Jersey.

Jean Hollingshead, 3rd and Chestnut, Moorestown, New Jersey.

Edna Morris, Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

Homer Morris, Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

Clarence Pickett, Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

Lily Pickett, Wallingford, Pennsylvania.

5. Minutes were read for the following visiting Friends: from Newberg (Oregon) Monthly Meeting for Levi T. Pennington, a minister, Clerk of Newberg Monthly Meeting, and Rebecca K. Pennington, an elder; from Providence Monthly Meeting (Media, Pennsylvania) for the following: J. Passmore and Anna G. Elkinton, Homer L. and Edna M. Morris, Lester C. Haworth, Clarence E. and Lily P. Pickett, Blanche W. Shaffer, and Armand C. Stalnaker; from Central Committee of Friends General Conference and from Newtown (Bucks County, Pennsylvania) Monthly Meeting for George A. Walton, chairman of Friends General Conference: from Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Stony Run, for Priscilla McPherson Jenness; from Scarsdale (New York) Friends Meeting for Edna Peterson: from Cleveland (Ohio) Meeting for Rose Santiago; from the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends for Mary F. Kershner; from Port Antonio, Jamaica, for George Minott, the pastor.

6. Other Friends introduced and welcomed included:
Philadelphia, Arch Street—Florence Yarnall
Philadelphia, Race Street—
    Katherine Kashner, Irma G. Woodard
Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus)—
    Ralph S. Coppock; Judith W. Coppock
Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Stony Run)—
    Mary Nichols
Philadelphia General Meeting Young Friends—
    Joanna Ayers
Kansas Yearly Meeting—
    Murray Adams
Lake Erie Association of Friends—
    Florence Adams
President of the General Conference of Mennonites—
    Olin Krehbill

7. The Yearly Meeting delegations report that the following named Friends have been chosen to represent them on the Committee on Organization:

Baltimore — Katherine A. W. Simon
California — Donald B. Spitler
Canada — Fred Haslam
Cuba — Juan Sierra
East Africa — Benjamin Ngaira
Indiana — Fred E. Smith
Iowa — Lawrence Sams
Jamaica — George Minott
Mexico — Fortunato Castillo
Nebraska — Lyman C. Platt
New England — Russell D. Brooks
New York — George A. Badgley
North Carolina — D. Virgil Pike
Western — Marcus E. Kendall
Wilmington — David O. Stanfield

8. The Yearly Meeting delegations report that the following named Friends have been chosen to represent them on the Business Committee:

Baltimore — Arthur W. Silver

California — Blaine G. Bronner
Canada — Stanley Van Every
Cuba — Miguel A. Tamayo
East Africa — Benjamin Ngaira
Indiana — Murray C. Johnson
Iowa — Roy S. Williams
Jamaica — Mabel Vincent
Mexico — Fortunato Castillo
Nebraska — Raymond D. Mesner
New England — Winslow H. Osborne
New York — A. Russell Heaton
North Carolina — Seth B. Hinshaw
Western — Russell E. Rees
Wilmington — Oliver N. McCoy

9. The Committee on Organization was given instructions as follows:

The Committee on Organization shall nominate to the second session of the Five Years Meeting persons to serve as clerks. The Committee is expected to make such other nominations as the Five Years Meeting may direct.

10. The Business Committee was instructed as follows:

The Business Committee is to receive and consider such business as may be directed to it from the Five Years Meeting.

11. The meeting was turned over to Homer J. Coppock,, Chairman of the Program Committee, who introduced the theme chosen for this session, "Advancing with Christ through the Church."

Errol T. Elliott, Secretary for the Five Years Meeting, brought the first message, stressing the need for applying moral principles in all areas of life, for they will not pass away. The gospel of Christ is all-inclusive; its method is love, and its spirit is understanding and good will. He stressed the importance of the recently formed World Council of Churches and urged that we find unity in diversity. He gave a challenging review of the work of the Five Years Meeting in the various phases of its activity.

A. Ward Applegate spoke on "Building the Church through the Local Meeting Fellowship." "The advance with Christ will take place in the local meeting or it will take place not at all." He mentioned six areas in which this fellowship may be cultivated: work and play, sorrow and joy, worry and worship. He concluded: "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ, His son, cleanses us from all sin."

Adjourned to 10 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1950

12. The meeting opened with a period of devotion after which the following Friends, who have attended either the first session or all ten sessions of the Five Years Meeting, were introduced:

Fred E. Smith, Indiana Yearly Meeting
Ida Parker, Indiana Yearly Meeting
Murray Kenworthy, Western Yearly Meeting
Millie Lawhead, Indiana Yearly Meeting
Jane M. Carey, Wilmington Yearly Meeting
Charles O. Whitely, Iowa Yearly Meeting

13. Friends from Kansas Yearly Meeting were welcomed as follows:

Mary Barrington, Isabel Crabb, Dorothy Craven, Dora Davis, Harley Davis, Roy Dunagan, Robert Dunn, Meta Ruth Ferguson, Suzie Frazier, Earl George, Edith Hadley, Gurney Hadley, Howard Harris, Lois Hays, Ray Hays, Alta Hoyt, Fred Hoyt, Margaret Joy, Charles Lampman, Walter Lawrence, Gordon Lewis, Macy Lewis, Mary Catharine Lewis, Walter Lewis, Wayne Lewis, Alice Kay Michener, Della Mills, John Mills, Edward Morris, Dan Neifert, Keith Parker, Bertha Pickering, Violet Pitts, Arthur Shufelt, Westine Shufelt, Rita Stogsdill, Florence Watson, S. A. Watson, Eva Wheeler, Wilbur Wheeler, Mabel Woodard.

14. Under the direction of Seth B. Hinshaw (North Carolina), Harold Chance (New England), and Truman Whitaker (Indiana), the Meeting entered into a discussion

of the topic for the morning, "Local Meeting Fellowship." Some of the thoughts stressed were these:

Early Quakerism was an effort to recapture the spirit of early Christianity. There is need for broad, deep charity and earnest fervor if we are to achieve real fellowship. The outreach must be centered in the living Christ, and we must get down to first-hand experience in problems of race, poverty, suffering and in other lines. The family is a parable of what is desirable for a Friends Meeting. A concern was expressed that this discussion should not end in talk, but that the spirit and main ideas be carried back to the local Meetings on Ministry and Counsel, and be put into action in the local Meetings.

15. The meeting turned to the devotional period.

O. Herschel Folger (North Carolina) brought an impressive message. He stressed the necessity of making Christ the center; of having God, or life is meaningless. If we are to reach others, we must have something to share. "In Him we live and move and have our being." "When we live from the center, we have peace and power."

Adjourned to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1950
2:00 P. M.

16. The meeting opened with a period of devotion, after which the minutes of the opening session and of the morning session were read, corrected, and approved.

17. Hadassah Moore Leeds (Baltimore Yearly Meeting-General Conference) was introduced and welcomed.

18. A letter from Stephen J. Thorne, Clerk of the Meeting for Sufferings, London Yearly Meeting, was read at this time.

To the Five Years Meeting:

The Meeting for Sufferings is glad to appoint the following Friends to attend the Five Years Meeting 1950 as representatives of London Yearly Meeting:

Barrow Cadbury	Ruth Catchpool
E. St. John Catchpool	Esther Curtis
Eric G. Curtis	Edith Forward
Stanley J. Forward	Elfrida Vipont Foulds
Dorothy A. Cadbury	

We remember with affection the ties which bind us with the life of those Yearly Meetings associated in the Five Years Meeting, and our common relationship to all those who share our name. In the deepening of this sense of fellowship may we be led as a Society to understand more fully the part we have to take in the membership of the whole Body of Christ.

We pray that your meeting and worshipping together in the spirit and presence of Christ may be a time of rich blessing and inspiration.

On behalf of Meeting for Sufferings,
Lewis W. Headley, Clerk
Stephen J. Thorne, Recording Clerk

19. Clerks of Yearly Meetings not affiliated with the Five Years Meeting were welcomed as follows:

Ralph S. Coppock, Ohio Yearly Mtg. (Damascus)
Gurney Hadley, Kansas Yearly Meeting
George A. Walton, Philadelphia General Meeting

George A. Walton, on behalf of Philadelphia General Meeting, expressed appreciation of the invitation extended to them to attend the Five Years Meeting. He extended to members of the Five Years Meeting and to other Friends here in attendance a cordial invitation to attend the sessions of their annual gathering in Philadelphia, beginning November 2, 1950.

20. The Committee on Organization reported its organization: David Stanfield (Wilmington), Chairman; Katherne A. W. Simon (Baltimore), Secretary. The Committee made the following nominations, which were accepted:

To serve as Clerks:

Norval E. Webb (Indiana), Presiding Clerk
Dorothy Lloyd Gilbert (North Carolina), Recording Clerk
Geraldine Hadley Moorman (Western), Reading Clerk

Richard P. Newby (Iowa), Announcing Clerk

To serve as the Committee on Message:

Homer J. Coppock (Western)
Theodate P. Wilson (Baltimore)
Bessie B. Haworth (Wilmington)
Glen Rinard (California)
Eleanor Taber (New York)

To serve as Pages:

Alan Jacobs (Jamaica)
Clara Henderson (New York)
Clarabell Hadley Marstaller (New England)
Arthold Latham (Iowa)
Marie Cassell (Indiana)
Ruth Day (North Carolina)

To serve as Ushers:

Francis Clark Brown (Indiana)
Chester A. Haworth (North Carolina)
Milton M. Hadley (North Carolina)
Howard L. Carey (New York)
Delmar Mock (Indiana)
Robert Jones (Indiana)

21. Norval E. Webb expressed the appreciation of the Five Years Meeting for the fine, constructive leadership of Algie I. Newlin and the excellent service of other clerks retiring.

22. A communication from New York Yearly Meeting was read, suggesting further study of "Faith and Practice." The three recommendations contained in it were referred to the Business Committee. (Minute 69)

23. Errol T. Elliott read memorials for the following Friends active in the work of the Five Years Meeting and on the mission field:

NATHAN D. ANDREWS

Nathan D. Andrews was born in North Carolina and always made that state his home, but his spiritual interests and concerns were world wide in their scope and operation. Shortly after the turn of the century he located in business in Goldsboro, North Carolina. Here he helped establish the Friends Meeting which has since become one of the stronger Meetings of North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Later he moved to Greensboro and became an active member of Asheboro Street

Meeting, serving as Clerk of both the Monthly and Quarterly Meeting. During the latter years of his life he was Chairman of his Yearly Meeting's Committee on Evangelism and Church Extension and to this appointment he gave increasingly of his time and means. His business as salesman took him into all parts of the state, and he soon began planning his schedules so he could spend weekends attending Quarterly Meeting sessions and visiting local Meetings. This work of visitation combined with his quiet words of encouragement and his willingness to meet whatever needs he encountered caused him to become one of the most widely known and best loved laymen of the entire Yearly Meeting. He was much interested in the younger ministers and always urged them to seek better training, and he was constantly finding ways by which, unknown to them, he might help them do so. He was also concerned about the physical condition of Friends Meeting Houses and parsonages, and to a considerable degree can the present lovely Friends buildings of North Carolina be traced to the seed which he sowed in years gone by.

In 1917 he became North Carolina's representative on the Five Years Meeting Board of Missions and continued until 1941. Part of this time was spent as a member of the Executive Committee. Because of his rich experience, sound business judgment and understanding of human nature he was a valued member. He was most sympathetic with the individual missionaries and their problems, and in him they recognized a true friend. His words of advice and his letters to them while on the field helped them through many situations which otherwise would have been more difficult.

Rugged honesty, quietness and simplicity, coupled with an unfaltering desire to be of service to others, marked the service of his whole life.

LAURENNA HUNT FARQUHAR

Laurenna Hunt Farquhar served in many places of responsibility and trust in her Monthly Meeting, Yearly Meeting and on Boards and Committees of the Five Years Meeting. After her retirement from active service the ripened experience which she had made her a wise counsellor and valued "mother in Israel" to those younger in service. She was born near Martinsville, Ohio, in 1866. Her whole life was spent in an intelligent and vital connection with the Society of Friends. Her home was a hospitable one and her graciousness as a hostess gave rest and good cheer to Friends from over the world as their travels brought them to Wilmington.

From 1914 to 1922 she was secretary for the Board of Trustees of Wilmington College. From 1922 to 1936 she was a member of the American Friends Board of Missions, and from 1922 to 1940 she served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting.

By nature she was conciliatory. Troubled waters in the community and in the Meeting were calmed by her wise leadership. Her words were spoken after they had been given careful attention and consequently they had weight and influence.

Despite sorrows much beyond the average human burden she remained triumphant and cheerful. Her life was a benediction to young people in whom she had unfailing interest and confidence. She always gave them courage and faith. Like the good disciple who heard the "sayings" and "did them," her house was founded on the rock and it did not fall. In her local meeting and in her home Yearly Meeting of Wilmington she was a person of great influence and concern to the last week of her stewardship of life.

ELLA ROGERS FIRTH

On the morning of December 5th, 1949, after planning the duties of the day, Ella Rogers Firth, her earthly task finished, passed into the greater consciousness.

She was born in 1866, and was a member of Canada Yearly Meeting and Toronto Monthly Meeting. When Pickering College was a co-educational school, she was, for thirteen years, the Lady Principal. It was during this time that she married William P. Firth, who was Principal of the College.

All who knew her were deepy aware of her concern for the total work of the Society of Friends. For many years she was a member of the Mission Board of the Five Years Meeting, joining that body first in 1922. The Daniel Oliver Orphanage in the Lebanese Republic, Friends Mission work in Kenya Colony and Japan, especially the work of Gurney and Elizabeth Binford, were among her special interests. The Canadian Friends Service Committee, the Friends Ambulance Unit in China and the sending of relief supplies during and after the last war received much of her attention.

Her catholicity of spirit, and her faith that, "one is your Father and all ye are brethren" led her to give generously both of her possessions and herself.

"Through hands such as these, God speaks and from their eyes
He smiles upon the earth."

RUFUS MATTHEW JONES

Emerson once said that an institution is the lengthened shadow of a man. He then cited Quakerism as the lengthened shadow of George Fox.

With the third conference of Friends held in 1897, the shadow of Rufus M. Jones began to lengthen into the emerging Five Years Meeting. Only a few years later, in 1902, the Five Years Meeting was set up and Rufus Jones, as a representative of New England Yearly Meeting, served as a member of the Business Committee. He served on the Business Committee for every succeeding gathering of the Five Years Meeting, with the exception of 1935, when he was appointed Presiding Clerk for the quinquennium 1935-1940.

Rufus Jones did not belong to the Five Years Meeting exclusively; he was a world Friend and in that capacity he led in the formation of the American Friends Service Committee and the Friends

Fellowship Council. It was in the Service Committee more than in any other Friendly organization that he gave the main force of his life.

It would be impossible to list here the full range of his activities, not only in the Society of Friends, but in the Christian churches of the world. He was the author of over fifty books, and the impact of his mind and spirit was world wide.

Not only in the organization of the Five Years Meeting was the influence of his life felt upon that body, but also in his work as an editor, first of all of the *Friends Review,* which he edited from 1893 until it was merged with the *Christian Worker* to form the *American Friend* in 1894. He continued as editor of the *American Friend* until 1912.

The story has often been told that soon after his birth his Aunt Peace took the child in her arms and said, "This child will one day bear the message of the gospel to distant lands and to people across the sea." We all know how well this prophecy was fulfilled.

In reviewing the life of Rufus Jones, we sit together today not only as a Five Years Meeting, but we sit also in a deepened fellowship with visiting Friends from other yearly meetings to whom he belonged quite as much as to us.

When a personality of the magnitude of Rufus M. Jones steps from the small circle of Quakers, words are very inadequate to state our sense of loss. Like Markham's Lincoln, he leaves a vast "lonesome place against the sky." In the minds of people around the earth, he stood as the visible symbol of the Society of Friends. No one now fills that place which he left. It is for all of us to share among ourselves as best we can, the work which he was doing. His mantel falls on the Society of Friends.

SYLVESTER JONES

With the death of Sylvester Jones, which occured on January 21, 1949, Friends lost one who, in many ways, typified the best of the Friends' missionary movement. He gave his life to it. Approximately one-half of his adult life was spent on the mission field of Cuba; the other half as a businessman in this country, devoted to the wider interests of Friends.

Sylvester was born at Tonganoxie, Kansas, on February 6, 1875. After attending the Friends Academy at Tonganoxie, he went to Penn College from which he graduated in 1900. In August of that year he married May Mather, also of Penn College, and in October signed the first contract between the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions and a missionary, after the Board became an administrative body. He and May Jones arrived in Cuba in 1900.

For seventeen years he served as the organizer and pastor of the first Friends Meeting in Cuba at Gibara, and as a helper in the promotion of the new work to be established in the various communities of eastern Cuba. In 1917, he was employed by the National Conference of Churches in Cuba, which position he held until 1919, when he was urged to come to this country to participate in and direct the

Friends Forward Movement during the period of the Interchurch World Movement following the First World War. He returned to the interdenominational work in Cuba in 1923 to remain four years until his retirement from Cuba, when he began insurance business.

During this period of business life he maintained an active interest and participation in the development and outreach of the Society of Friends. During the Spanish civil war he was sent to Spain by the American Friends Service Committee to help in relief. During the first part of the Second World War, he served as a director of Civilian Public Service work in the central area of the United States. He has made various trips to the different mission fields of Friends, including Jamaica and Mexico, as well as three return trips to Cuba. He has been one of the moving spirits in the development of the 57th Street Meeting in Chicago in an effort to find ways for Friends of different groups to unite in worship services. During his entire residence in this country, since his retirement from Cuba, he has been a member of the American Friends Board of Missions and an active participant in its policies as well as an active member of Western Yearly Meeting.

His writings include a number of articles and pamphlets and his autobiography, entitled "Not By Might."

Sylvester Jones was called by his many Friends in Cuba, "the gentleman with the kind heart."

RICHARD R. NEWBY

Richard R. Newby was born in Dublin, Indiana, December 12, 1870. His death occurred January 31, 1949, at his home in Des Moines, Iowa.

The family moved to Maryville, Tennessee, where he grew to manhood and graduated from the Friends Maryville Normal and Preparatory School. He was a birthright member of Friends and was converted in his young manhood, beginning his gospel ministry at Maryville, where he was recorded a minister in 1896.

Richard Newby served as pastor of meetings in Wilmington and Iowa Yearly Meetings in the states of Tennessee, Ohio and Iowa. He engaged in evangelistic work in North Carolina, Wilmington, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and California Yearly Meetings. He served in various appointments of the yearly meetings where he resided. He had terms of service as General Superintendent of New York, Kansas, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings for a total of twenty-seven years.

By appointment, he was a member-at-large of the Home Mission Board and the American Friends Board of Missions of the Five Years Meeting for more than twenty years. He served also on the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting for several years.

His life was marked by cheerfulness and a deep devotion to Christ and the Church.

WILLIAM JOSEPH SAYERS

William Sayers was best known to Friends of the Five Years Meeting for his service in Christian Education. For many years he served as editor of the Sunday School publications and as a member of the Board on Religious Education of the Five Years Meeting. He was, in every sense of the word, a Five Years Meeting Friend.

From 1933-1944 he was clerk of Indiana Yearly Meeting. He also gave of his time and talents to various departments of service. It was chiefly in pastoral work that he served Friends.

Shortly after his birth in Canada, his family moved into the limits of New England Yearly Meeting where he spent the years of his boyhood and the early years of his service for Friends. His pastorates included Lewiston, Maine; Poughkeepsie, New York; Muncie, Winchester and East Main, Richmond, in Indiana, where these sessions are being held. His longest pastorate was at Muncie, where he served two terms totalling twenty-two years.

For many years he was a member of the Indiana State Board of Charities and Corrections under appointment by the Governor of Indiana.

William Sayers will long be remembered for his abundant cheerfulness. He carried a contagion of optimism that lifted people around him. In his passing we have lost one who added friendly meaning to the name of Friends

LESLIE D. SHAFFER

Leslie D. Shaffer was born on October 3rd, 1901, in Chicago, Illinois. He went to school at Vermillion Grove Academy, Illinois, graduated from Earlham College in 1926, and received a B. D. from Hartford Theological Seminary in 1931. For the next four years he was minister of the Friends Meeting in Cincinnati, Ohio. He then served as secretary of the Committee which organized the Friends World Conference in 1937, at which time he met Blanche Weber, a member of the delegation of Friends from Switzerland. They were married in September, 1940.

In 1936, Leslie Shaffer became the secretary of the Friends Fellowship Council and in 1937 he was appointed secretary of the Friends World Committee, American section, a joint appointment he held until his death.

In 1945 Leslie and Blanche Shaffer were directors of the Friends International Center in Paris, for one year; in 1947 they moved to London where Leslie became secretary of the Friends World Committee, returning in the spring of 1948 to Philadelphia, where he again undertook the joint secretaryship of the Fellowship Council and the American Section of the World Committee. He died from a lymphoma on May 30th, 1950.

In his going, Leslie Shaffer left us his most precious testament. Through his love of God he had found faith in the perfection of His laws so that when he knew that the end of his earthly life was near, those who were with him felt his freedom from fear. Then he expressed the love in his soul and his sense of life beyond death in these sentences: "Dear Friends, it has been good to love you everywhere and in every way. Now I am called to the service of the Master. I shall have a new and special task." His last words were: "To God, to God, to Christ!"

ALSINA M. ANDREWS

Alsina Andrews spent thirty-four years in active service on the island of Jamaica. The time of her retirement came in 1931, but for nineteen years more, she spent her life and her spiritual energies in untiring service on behalf of Friends in Jamaica.

The final summons of her Master, to pass from the fields of earthly service into the realities of the heavenly life, came to her on June 8th, 1950. She went to Jamaica more than fifty years ago. There her spirit became the candle of the Lord. Darkness gave way to light wherever she went. She proved life was livable when all the odds made it difficult.

In the course of the years others carried the heavy loads, but they never failed to know that this saintly pioneer missionary had blazed the trail. Alsina Andrews always held aloft the torch of her Christian faith and life. It became a beacon to which others constantly looked. It demonstrated the concrete reality of saintliness.

ELIZABETH J. S. BINFORD

Elizabeth Julia Schneider Binford, 1876-1948, was a birthright member of Indiana Yearly Meeting, a graduate of Earlham College, a teacher in Southland College and in the public schools of Carthage, Indiana. After her marriage to Gurney Binford, she accompanied him to Japan for service under the Friends Foreign Mission

Committee, later the Mission Board of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Canada Yearly Meeting always supported these two messengers of the Lord.

Elizabeth Binford's dedicated life was one of varied and continued activity. Her many gifts, in music, in home-making, in organization, in teaching, in friendliness, in gay and courageous enthusiasm for meeting all emergencies and problems, made her more and more valued and beloved as the long years of her service rolled by. Besides these qualities, her marked appreciation of beauty, both material and spiritual, endeared her to the beauty loving Japanese.

In the later years of her life, Elizabeth Binford sometimes spoke of the "57 Varieties" of her work in Japan. She wrote, "This heart of mine has never experienced more thrills than it does these days. I can scarcely go uptown without getting thrilled over something or somebody. I meet a man whose life is changed. His family knows it is changed; God knows it is changed. And as that man testifies week after week in prayer meeting to answered prayer and new joys in his spiritual life, my own spiritual life is deepened. I thank God for this kind of thrill."

Like many servants of the Lord, retirement, for Elizabeth Binford, only meant entering new fields to be harvested. While keeping up all possible contacts with Japan, she labored with her husband for the Japanese-American population on the West coast, helping them through their war-time hardships.

Surely the Five Years Meeting may rejoice in the life of such a Friend, who served and cooperated with all Yearly meetings, and now has entered into the joy of her Lord.

ANNA FARR CAREY

Anna McPherson Farr Carey was a native of Iowa, born near Oskaloosa on April 15, 1863. She was a student at Penn Academy and a teacher for five years. New Sharon Monthly Meeting recorded her gift in the ministry in 1891. In 1892 she went to Jamaica to join Gilbert Farr as his wife and to engage in missionary work there. She served in this field for twelve years. Gilbert Farr passed away in 1916. Anna was very active in the Oskaloosa Meeting and in Iowa Yearly Meeting.

On June 5, 1924, she was united in marriage to Arthur L. Carey of Samantha, Ohio. Anna became the pastor of the Samantha Meeting and served for many years. She was also pastor at Hardin's Creek, Londonderry and the Valley Meetings. Her interest in missionary work never waned and throughout her long life, she was busy in promoting the mission work of Friends. Energetic, faithful and loyal to her Master and to His Kingdom, she was a wise counselor and a dependable servant throughout a fruitful ministry within the limits of Wilmington Yearly Meeting. She passed quietly from the earthly scene at the home of her son, Willard, in Chicago, Illinois, on November 8, 1949.

JEFFERSON FORD

Jefferson Ford was born at Bath, New York, in 1879. Following his school work, which included graduation from a Cleveland high school, one year at Baldwin University of Berea, Ohio, and graduation from Cleveland Bible Institute, he alternately held pastoral and mission positions for a number of years. His pastoral cares included a lumber camp in Michigan, a city mission in Cleveland, a year on the plains of South Dakota, four years in Iowa Yearly Meeting, and one year at Hortonville, Indiana.

Between these pastoral charges, Jefferson spent six months in Jamaica, where he married Helen Farr. He also spent a part of a year in West Africa with the Sudan United and Interior missions, and then seven more years in Jamaica in charge of the northern stations, working under Iowa Yearly Meeting's mission organization.

In 1914 he and Helen Ford felt led to the work of Friends in East Africa. This proved to be his greatest contribution. The evangelistic department of the Friends Africa Mission set the standard for the extensive and rapid growth of Friends in that area. He had the joy of seeing the 20,000 Friends of North Kavirondo united in a strong Yearly Meeting in 1946, and of finishing the translation of the entire Bible begun so well by Emory Rees, into the dialect of the largest tribe among whom Friends are working in East Africa. Two years following the death of Helen Farr Ford in East Africa, he was married to Helen Kersey of California Yearly Meeting, who returned with him to Africa.

In addition to his widow he is survived also by a daughter, Esther Anderson, and a son, Arthur. Both of these have served as missionaries in Africa. Clara Ford, a daughter, preceded her father in death.

EMMA PHILLIPS MARTINEZ

Emma Martinez, our oldest missionary from the standpoint of length of service at the time of her death, passed away on May 16, 1946, as she walked from her school room where she was teacher and principal.

In 1893, Emma Phillips left her school work at Fairmount, Indiana, to begin her missionary career in Mexico. Seven years later she was transferred to Cuba where, with Sylvester and Mary Jones and Maria Trevino, the work of Friends was first established in that Island. In 1903 she married Juan Martinez, a young man from Mexico, who lost his life in the uprising that took place in Mexico shortly afterwards. After a brief interval, Emma Martinez returned to Cuba where she spent the rest of her lifetime of fifty three years of active service.

Such had been her influence that, upon her death, the city government of Puerto Padre declared a Day of Mourning. Her life was a teaching ministry and touched the lives of thousands of Cuban boys and girls.

EMORY J. REES

Emory J. Rees belonged to the pioneer generation of modern Quaker missionaries. His initial missionary experience was under independent boards. He acquired through his own initiative and by diligent effort a knowledge of African languages which stood him in good stead when he came to seek service, and together with his wife, Deborah, to associate himself with the American Friends Board of Missions.

The service of Emory Rees in the Friends Africa Mission extended over a period of years, reaching from the first pioneer years to a well organized and thriving mission.

His greatest work and the one to which he dedicated tireless effort was the reduction to written form of the spoken language. He then made a translation of the scriptures into the language of the common people—first the New Testament and later the Old Testament. It seems to be the working of a wise Providence that his life was spared to correct the proof of the printing of this valuable work by the American Bible Society.

When for health and family reasons, it seemed necessary for him to withdraw from the field, he continued to maintain his interest and to dedicate his best thought to the Mission in Africa.

ROXIE REEVE

On July 16, 1950, Roxie Reeve, a former missionary in Africa, passed away at La Junta, Colorado. She was born at Galena, Kansas, in 1887 and served on the Africa mission field from 1913 to 1926.

During the last few years she wished many times that it might be possible for her to go back to Africa for a short period of time, but her plans to do so did not materialize. Her many friends praised her as a Friend, a teacher, a minister and a missionary.

EAST AFRICA YEARLY MEETING

Maria Mwaitsi, of Malava Monthly Meeting, died on October 1, 1948. She was the wife of Joseph Ngaira, one of the earliest church elders. She served as the leader of the women's meeting in the Northern area of the Friends field until her death.

Yohana Egesa, of Chebuyusi Monthly Meeting, died on June 27, 1949. He was one of the first students to attend Bible School under the late Jefferson Ford at Lugulu. He also served on the Yearly Meeting Permanent Board and on the Education Board until the time of his death.

Selina Khayejia Kaptain, of Vokoli Monthly Meeting, died on July 20, 1950. She served as secretary of the women's meeting in the North area of the Friends field.

Luke Khaemba, of Chebuyusi Monthly Meeting, died January 21, 1950. He served on the Elders Committee of the Yearly Meeting.

Esther Dembeko Olindo, of Vokoli Monthly Meeting, died on September 3, 1950. She was on the Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting for four years consecutively.

ESTELLA LEWIS

Estella Lewis, a Bible woman in the Friends work in Jamaica, died in April, 1949. She was trained by Alma Swift, and for over thirty years served in her own quiet way, visiting the sick, praying with the wayward, teaching her girls in home craft, keeping Sunday school and Christian Endeavour. Most of her work was in the Buff Bay area.

Her service in the field of counselling was outstanding, as people, young and old, wore a path to her door.

DON MIGUEL TAMAYO

Don Miguel Tamayo, the father of one of our delegates from Cuba, Miguel Tamayo, was one of the great Christian leaders in the Friends Meeting in Banes, Cuba. He died in Banes four years ago.

STEPHEN NUGENT

Stephen Nugent was born at Happy Grove, Hectors River, Jamaica, in 1882. He was a staunch and faithful member of Friends and for many years was an elder in Seaside Meeting. In 1945 he represented Jamaica Yearly Meeting of Friends at the Five Years Meeting and became a member of the Peace Board of the Five Years Meeting.

At his death January, 1950, he held the following offices: chairman of the Finance Committee of Seaside Meeting, and many positions of responsibility in the civic life of the community.

The reading of the memorials was followed by a period of quiet in which Friends joined in meditation on the lives of these Friends, still a part of our Christian fellowship and still moving influences among us.

24. Copies of the Report of the Executive Committee to the Five Years Meeting were distributed and the Chairman, A. Ward Applegate, asked the Executive Secretary, Errol T. Elliott, to present the report.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO THE FIVE YEARS MEETING OF 1950

Report on Appointments

When the new Executive Committee met for organization at the time of the Five Years Meeting in 1945, A. Ward Applegate was appointed as Chairman of the Executive Committee and Nellie H. Markle as Chairman of the Central Committee. At the annual meeting of the Executive Committee in April, 1946, Errol T. Elliott was appointed Secretary to the Executive and Central Committees for a period of five years. These three have served for the entire time since the last Five Years Meeting sessions.

Other appointments for which the Executive Committee has been responsible are as follows:

1. On nomination from the American Friends Board of Missions, Merle L. Davis, as Administrative Secretary, Mildred E. White as Educational Secretary, and Martha K. Tubesing as Office Secretary for that Board. As members-at-large on the Board to serve for the quinquennium beginning in April, 1950, A. Ward Applegate, Thomas W. Y. Clark, Norman E. Young, Elizabeth L. Hazard, Logan Smith, Helen L. Woodard and Robert E. Cope.

2. On nomination from the Board on Christian Education, Leonard R. Hall as Administrative Secretary of that Board in 1950, following the resignation of Charles F. Thomas; Olaf Hanson as Director and Editor of Children's Work in 1948 following the resignation of Lillian White Shepard; Lawrence Peery as Young Friends Secretary and Editor, beginning in 1948; as members-at-large on the Board of Christian Education for the quinquennium beginning in April, 1950, Russell E. Rees, Nellie H. Markle, R. Furnas Trueblood, Charles F. Thomas, Ruth Day and David Stanfield.

3. On nomination from the Peace Board, Wm. Merton Scott as Executive Secretary of that Board beginning in 1947, after successive short periods of service by Robert Shattuck (part time), George Scherer (part time) previous to 1945, and Wilmer Cooper (for a short time); as members-at-large, Jerome Hurd and Lyle Tatum for the quinquennium beginning April, 1950.

PERCY M. THOMAS

Percy M. Thomas, after several years of service with the Five Years Meeting, first of all in promotion, later as acting editor of the *American Friend,* then manager of the book store, and still later as secretary to the Committee on Evangelism, resigned in 1949 to accept the pastorate at Plainfield, Indiana. He rendered a valuable service with great devotion. His visits to Meetings and Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting, his service of counselling, his gospel ministry and his spiritual insight into the work of the Five Years Meeting have been gratefully received.

NORMAN E. YOUNG

The appointment of Norman E. Young as Secretary of Stewardship and Finance was announced at the sessions of the Five Years Meeting in 1945, and he started his work in December of that year. As a part of preparation for his work, he took a course in church financing at the Iliff School of Theology. He visited widely among Friends meetings, prepared literature in the field of church financing, supervised the bookkeeping work of the Five Years Meeting and in other ways served well the interests of the Five Years Meeting. He resigned in 1948 to accept the call to the pastorate at Kokomo, Indiana.

The Committee On Aged Ministers And Missionaries

The Committee on Aged Ministers and Missionaries as appointed by the Five Years Meeting 1945 consisted of

Burton S. W. Hill
Millard V. Powell
Richard R. Newby
Howard W. Cope
De Ella L. Newlin

With the resignation of Burton Hill, the resignation of De Ella Newlin, as she moved to Africa, and with the death of Richard R. Newby, only two members, far removed from the Central Offices, remained. The Executive Committee asked Kenneth Pickering and George H. Wood to serve on this committee and care for distribution of funds. They have served faithfully in this capacity.

Board on Public Morals

With the resignation of Raymond Mendenhall as a member and Chairman of the Board on Public Morals, Murvel Garner has been serving as Acting Chairman and thereby on the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting.

DIRECTIONS FOR FIVE YEARS MEETING FOLLOWED

East Africa Yearly Meeting Established

The American Friends Board of Missions requested the Five Years Meeting in 1945 to establish a Yearly Meeting in Kenya Colony, East Africa, where mission work has been carried on since 1902. The Five Years Meeting approved the recommendation and directed the Executive Committee to proceed according to Discipline. The Executive Committee appointed Merle L. Davis and Levinus K. Painter to represent the Five Years Meeting and these Friends attended and fulfilled their commission as the East Africa Yearly Meeting of Friends was established November 18, 1946. It is a joy to know that Benjamin Ngaira, the present Clerk of that Yearly Meeting, has a prospect of attending the Five Years Meeting as the first delegate from the new Yearly Meeting.

Building For Central Offices

The Five Years Meeting in session ten years ago directed the Executive Committee to pursue the concern for more adequate office space for the Central Offices of the Five Years Meeting. This direction was carried out and the Five Years Meeting in 1945 received a recommendation from the Executive Committee that a new building to house our Central Offices be constructed and that a committee of ten competent Friends be appointed to determine the location for a new building and supervise the planning and construction of a building. It was also recommended that no outside agency be employed to raise the funds, but that a Friend be engaged to carry through the work. The Five Years Meeting approved this recommendation.

Although this committee of ten was appointed with power to act, the Chairman has reported to the Executive Committee certain considerations of the Building Committee of ten from time to time. Marcus Kendall resigned the chairmanship of this Committee and George H. Wood was appointed to the chairmanship. The commission laid upon the Building Committee has not been carried out to date, though a report to date is being presented by the Building Committee to this meeting of the Five Years Meeting. The Friends appointed on this Committee by the Executive Committee are:

Sumner A. Mills
A. Ward Applegate
Marcus Kendall
Samuel Levering
Nellie H. Markle
James C. Matchett
Ashton Otis
Faith A. Terrell
Isaac Woodard
George H. Wood

Conference On Boards And Committees

As directed by the Five Years Meeting in 1945, a conference of Boards and Committees of the Five Years Meeting was held in April, 1948, midway between the sessions of 1945 and 1950. Topics of a general and inspirational nature were presented and discussed during a period of two days. This conference brought our departments of work into a closer fellowship and helped foster a deeper unity in our total program of the Five Years Meeting.

The Walter C. Woodward Memorial

At the time of the Five Years Meeting sessions in 1945, the committee to select a suitable memorial to the life of Walter C. Woodward reported through the Executive Committee that it was studying the various types of memorials suggested. Since then a definite memorial has been selected. Elizabeth Emerson has agreed to write a biography of Walter Woodward and is now engaged in the necessary research work and in making the first draft of the biography. A preliminary statement depicting some aspects of the history of America and American Friends during those years as the background for the biography is being considered.

This work is a joint effort with the American Section of the Friends World Committee for Consultation. The amount of money raised for that purpose will apparently be adequate.

Commission On Christian Nurture

The concern for a Commission on Christian Nurture as approved by the Five Years Meeting in 1945 was referred to the Board on Christian Education and that Board was asked to confer with other departments related to that concern.

The Committee On Stewardship

The concern for a commission on economics and the financing of Friends work, growing out of our previous sessions in 1945, was referred to the Committee on Stewardship of the Five Years Meeting.

The Committee On Pensions

The final agreements on a retirement plan for ministers, teachers, missionaries and other employees of the Five Years Meeting or other related institutions was adopted by the Five Years Meeting in 1945. Since then this committee has made progress in meeting a long felt need of our Meetings, Yearly Meetings, Five Years Meeting and other institutions. This should, in another generation, give abundant evidence of the wisdom of establishing this system to serve those who now serve us, as they come to retirement.

NEW WORK INITIATED

The Advance

In April, 1948, the Secretaries in the Central Offices submitted to the Executive Committee a statement of their concern for a new and high level advance by the Five Years Meeting. The Executive Committee received their report and directed the printing of the message that came from them, entitled, "Christ is Our Mission." This message was printed in *The American Friend* and reprints were circulated throughout the Five Years Meeting.

Through the succeeding year, the concern was further developed toward a plan for Advance and the search for a suitable person to direct it was considered. In April, 1949, the Executive Committee gave considerable time and study to a proposed outline and practical program. In June, Harold N. Tollefson was asked by the Central Committee to assume the leadership in further developing and carrying through a program of Advance.

In the meantime a small conference of representatives from the Yearly Meetings was called to meet at Winona Lake for further sharing and planning.

Harold Tollefson is now at the Central Offices. He is preparing literature, making visits to Yearly Meetings, and developing a working acquaintance with Friends in general.

These sessions of the Five Years Meeting were envisioned within the framework of a planned advance. More literature has been prepared and specific goals have been created. The literature is available at these sessions. The first Sunday in November has been designated as *Advance Sunday.*

The Fiduciary Corporation Of Friends

The need for an incorporated Foundation or Trust, to be created by the Five Years Meeting, has been under consideration for several years. In April, 1946, a definite proposal that such a body be created was approved by the Executive Committee and a sub-committee was asked to proceed and submit a suitable statement of provisions for creation of such a body.

In April, 1947, a more complete statement was presented and the committee consisting of Alvin T. Coate and James C. Matchett was continued, together with the added name of William C. Dennis as a member and as one having legal competence for drawing up the final articles of Incorporation.

In April, 1948, this committee to set up the Fiduciary Corporation of Friends made a final report to the Executive Committee together with the Articles of Incorporation and the certificate by the Secretary of State for the State of Indiana. The report was approved and will appear in the Minutes of the Five Years Meeting sessions.

A very suitable brochure has been printed and given some circulation and publicity has been carried by the *American Friends* regarding the proffered services of this corporation. This has brought very gratifying results. The Friends Fiduciary Corporation will report later in these sessions.

Upon the death of Rufus M. Jones, Paul J. Furnas was appointed to that vacancy on the Board of Directors.

Boulder Friends Loan Fund

As a result of the sale of their property, the Friends Meeting at Boulder, Colorado, sent $5000 to the Five Years Meeting under a specific agreement with the Executive Committee whereby money from this fund can be loaned with or without interest to deserving Friends in training for specific Christian service. Loans have been made from this fund and it promises to serve an important purpose in aiding the training of our young people for leadership. A small committee, responsible to the Executive Committee, has been appointed to supervise the making of loans.

Volunteer Service Council

Through cooperation of our departments of service and related Friends agencies, a Volunteer Service Council was formed under the approval of the Executive Committee. This Council has been instrumental in placing Young Friends in areas of service directly related to the Church. The Council will make its report to these sessions.

Committee On Organization

The Executive Committee has given consideration to the organizational structure of the Five Years Meeting so far as its functions and services are concerned. A committee of five Friends was named and it has made substantial progress in studying the organization and functions within the Central Offices. Their outline has been given serious study by the Executive Committee and revisions in the proposed changes have been made. Their work is being continued. They do not have a specific report as yet to make to the Five Years Meeting.

ECUMENICAL RELATIONS

The World Council Of Churches

After more than a decade of study and planning, which was interrupted by the World War, the World Council of Churches was established in a meeting at Amsterdam, Holland, in August, 1948. The Five Years Meeting accepted membership in that emerging body by its action in the sessions of 1940.

It was fortunate for the Five Years meeting that Algie I. Newlin, our presiding clerk, could represent us and serve as our delegate on that occasion. We were also fortunate in having D. Elton Trueblood serve as alternate and give a leading service within the sessions of the World Council.

This is hardly the time to editorialize upon this great good news, but the establishment of the World Council of Churches is rated generally as among the few greater events within the two millenia of the history of the Christian Church.

Representation At Geneva

With Algie I. Newlin, our presiding clerk, serving with the Friends Center in Geneva, Switzerland, we were privileged to have him represent us on the Central Committee and in the work of the World Council of Churches at its headquarters in Geneva. Upon returning, he attended a meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council at Toronto and has made a report in a recent issue of the *American Friend.*

The National Council Of Churches

For about ten years, the possibility of uniting eight interdenominational agencies in one national body has been under consideration, with careful study and continuous review and revision of plans. On November 28, 1950, at a Constituting Convention, the new National Council of Churches will be set up with departments that perpetuate the work of each of the uniting bodies. This will absorb the Federal Council of Churches, but give its work a greater and better integrated service.

After four years of consideration and counselling with our departments of the Five Years Meeting which are involved, the Executive Committee approved the formation of the National Council of Churches and made appointments as requested by them.

Japan International Christian University

Under the leadership of the Foreign Missions Conference and the Federal Council of Churches, a new International Christian University for Japan was planned. Friends were invited to appoint a member to the Foundation Board.

The Five Years Meeting having had no missionary service in Japan, the Executive Committee felt that we should defer to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, which has had a long and effective service in Japan, in the appointment of a Friend to that Board. After a satisfactory correspondence with Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, we were agreed in the joint appointment of Hugh Borton to the Foundation Board.

Having lived in Japan for a period of years, Hugh Borton has a thorough understanding of the Japanese people and their language. At present he is Assistant Director of the Department of Far Eastern studies in Columbia University. He and his family live in a cooperative community at Neshantic Station, New Jersey. They are members of the Princeton United Monthly Meeting.

Inter-Church Conferences

The Executive Committee has tried to be responsive to opportunities of cooperation with other Christian bodies, not only in the regular meetings of their official gatherings, but also in the conferences called by them. There have been two conferences during the past five years on the Churches and Economic Life, sponsored by a department of the Federal Council of Churches. Friends were appointed from the

Five Years Meeting to represent us and to share in these conferences. A conference on the Churches and World Order was held at Cleveland in 1949, under the auspices of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches. Friends were abundantly represented at that conference.

A later and independent conference of representatives from churches and other bodies devoted to peace work was held in Detroit with Friends participating.

A conference on Catholic-Protestant relations held at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, was attended by Harry N. Wright at our request.

Church World Service and other ecumenical groups have met and in each case the Executive Committee has generally had a representative in attendance.

Protest Vatican Appointment

Along with several other church groups and under the suggestion of the Federal Council of Churches, the Executive Committee urged the President of the United States not to appoint a successor to Myron C. Taylor, who resigned as the President's representative to the Vatican.

FOR GENERAL INFORMATION

Preservation Of Documents And Other Papers

Care is being exercised in the preservation of valuable historical papers and documents. The Five Years Meeting has a metal safe inside the vault at the East Main Street Meetinghouse where such papers are kept. Each year at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee, an inventory of our archives is presented and is thereby kept up to date.

Our Visiting Friends

From time to time Friends from abroad have visited American Friends and the Executive Committee has assisted in their itineration. There should be special mention of the visit of Stephen J. and Alice Thorne and their children for almost a year in 1947-1948. Stephen J. Thorne serves in a capacity with London Yearly Meeting that is equivalent to that of Executive Secretary. The visit of the Thornes came through joint planning with the Meeting for Sufferings of London Yearly Meeting, the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting and the Friends World Committee, American Section. Stephen and Alice Thorne visited widely and helpfully in all of our Yearly Meetings and in many local meetings in the Five Years Meeting.

Men's Movements

The vigor with which men's organizations have come into existence in many of our Yearly Meetings is very encouraging. They have developed along with specific projects within their respective Yearly Meetings such as the construction and improvement of camp grounds for young people, the erection of new church buildings and the employment of leadership for young people's work.

A suggestion that a Five Years Meeting committee of men's movements be formed has come from the California Yearly Meeting Men's Extension Movement.

A dinner meeting of men is to be held during these sessions, and we shall hear from them later in the program.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FIVE YEARS MEETING

Name Of The Five Years Meeting

The official name by which this body of Friends is incorporated is "The Five Years Meeting of the Friends in America." In view of the inclusion of new Yearly Meetings outside America as members of this body, the Executive Committee recommends that our corporate title be changed to "The Five Years Meeting of Friends," and that the articles of incorporation in the state of Indiana be changed accordingly.

Faith And Practice

After five years of study, then of writing and rewriting, a general revision of the Uniform Discipline, the Executive Committee submitted to the Five Years Meeting in 1945 a proposed revision for adoption. The Five Years Meeting made Minutes as follows:

> In regard to the Discipline, we recommend that corrections in the draft of the proposed discipline be made as now desired, that in its final form it be submitted again to Yearly Meetings for further study and action, and that the care and oversight of suggestions be left in the hands of the Executive Committee during the five years period, final action to be taken five years from now. (No. 52, 1) (Minutes 23, 30, 103)
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> We recommend the report of the Revision of the Discipline given in our first report. The concern for three separate sections on *Faith and Practice* is referred to the Executive Committee for consideration. Suggestion was made that the Yearly Meetings might desire to secure these sections and bind them, with their own supplements, in the order most acceptable to the Yearly Meeting.
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> Any Yearly meeting is authorized to use the *Faith and Practice* as a basis of procedure when adopted by the Yearly Meeting in annual session. (No. 103, 1) (Minute 52)

The revised copy was submitted to the constituent Yearly Meetings as directed by the Five Years Meeting. Some of the Yearly Meetings have adopted the revised text as submitted to them, making slight revisions and adaptations. Others have adopted parts of the text and have largely rewritten the remainder of it. One Yearly Meeting has adopted Part II only, and yet others still have the text under consideration. Practically no two Yearly Meetings have taken identical action with regard to it.

The Executive Committee has given considerable attention to these facts and makes the following recommendation for the consideration of the Five Years Meeting:

1. According to the action of Yearly Meetings, it appears that only a portion of "Faith and Practice" can be adopted by the Five Years Meeting, for the use of all Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting.
2. That, apart from the question of rejection or adoption, the proposed "Faith and Practice" should be kept alive for the future consideration of the Yearly Meetings, which may want to consider adoption of it as a whole or of any of its parts, and that a Committee of five persons be nominated to the Five Years Meeting by the Committee on Organization to serve as a committee of reference on matters of Faith and Practice to keep in touch with steps taken by Yearly Meetings, compile the information and report to the Executive Committee.
3. That attention of those Yearly Meetings which have not adopted it be directed to the statement on page 89, which reads as follows:

   > "Through the constituent Yearly Meetings delegate certain authority to the Five Years Meeting, they retain their original independence in the transaction of business which does not involve such delegated authority. They may adopt additional provisions that are not inconsistent with those of the book of "Faith and Practice" and may consider portions, having no application to conditions existing in any Yearly Meeting, as null therein."

4. That Yearly Meetings which have not adopted any portion of Faith and Practice continue the consideration of Part II in particular.
5. That Chapter V of Part II, having to do solely with the organization and function of the Five Years Meeting, be adopted, and that the Executive Committee give effect to the new provisions where practical, making such adaptations and

modifications as may be necessary. This procedure is in keeping with previous action of the Five Years Meeting, recorded on page 85 of the Uniform Discipline which is as follows:

> "By Action of the Five Years Meeting in 1917, which action was ratified by the requisite number of Yearly Meetings, in the following year, and therefore became effective on November 18, 1918, Chapter IV (of the Uniform Discipline) is to 'be treated as business procedure and not subject to the regulations for amendment'."

6. That in the meantime appointments to Boards and Committees be made in the same manner as in the sessions of 1945, such persons to serve until the new provisions can be put into effect.

Uniting Of Departments

For ten years there has been occasional consideration of the possible uniting of the Peace Board, the Public Morals Board and the Committee on Social Order in one Board. For five years this question has been annually on the agenda of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is now making the following recommendations to the Five Years Meeting:

> "The possibility of uniting our work in peace, public morals and social order has been considered annually for the past five years.
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> "The Board on Peace and the Committee on Social Order have recommended the closer cooperation of their two groups with the Board on Public Morals in the following minute, adopted by the Peace Board in 1950:
>
> > The areas of concern of these three agencies (Peace, Public Morals, Social Order) are interrelated. They grow directly out of Friends' deepest spiritual concerns for Christian human relationships.
> >
> > Out of a desire for economical use of funds and more efficient service to constituent meetings we suggest:
> >
> > (a) To hold a quarterly conference of the chairmen and/or secretaries of these agencies.
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> > (b) To use a part of our budgeted funds in the maintenance of common stenographic assistance and office facilities.
> >
> > (c) To work in the direction of improving our channels of communication to members of local meetings.

(d) To explore additional courses of cooperative action for better serving the Five Years Meeting.

"The membership of the Board on Public Morals has been depleted and dispersed rather widely during the past five years. After their chairman, Raymond E. Mendenhall, resigned, Murvel Garner, their vice-chairman, became acting-chairman. Millard Jones, a committee member, has rendered a commendable service in continuing the preparation of a monthly temperance bulletin for our meetings. It has not been possible to draw this entire Board into the discussion of these proposals. Through correspondence, two of the members expressed themselves as favoring the plan and two as opposing.

"The Executive Committee believes that the uniting of these three interests in one Board will allow all of them to be served by an employed secretary and thereby do more effective work. It would also reduce our total organizational set-up and costs, such as in travel of members to meetings, nearer to the available resources.

"The Executive Committee therefore recommends:

(1) The merging of these three departments, exercising care in the organization that each emphasis shall not only be maintained but strengthened.

(2) That the new Board be set up with three departments, (a) Public Morals, (b) Peace, and (c) Social Order. That the new Board thus constituted shall decide upon a name for the Board and submit it for approval of the Executive Committee.

(3) That the Board shall assign a definite number of its members to each of these three departments.

(4) That one member representing each Yearly Meeting shall be nominated by the Committee on Organization to the Five Years Meeting for appointment to this Board and that these members in turn shall nominate to the Executive Committee seven members-at-large, as do the other Boards.

(5) That two members shall be appointed from it to serve on the Executive Committee. Such appointments should be made with regard to the kinds of interests represented in the work of the Board.

(6) That if and when the new disciplinary practice shall go into effect, the appointments from Yearly Meetings shall be made by those Yearly Meetings, as in the case of other Boards."

The United Society Of Friends Women

The women's organization formerly known as the Women's Missionary Union, having expressed a concern for closer relationship with all departments of the Five Years Meeting, was invited by the Executive Committee to have its representatives in attendance at the annual meetings of the Executive Committee and also at the meetings of the departmental Boards and Committees. The Woman's Missionary Union, later changed to the United Society of Friends Women, has gladly accepted the invitation and generally has appointed representatives from its membership. The Executive Committee recommends to the Five Years Meeting that this arrangement be approved and that liaison representatives from the United Society of Friends Women be made a matter of regular procedure.

The Executive Committee herewith expresses appreciation for the general cooperation of Friends during a period of five years that has lifted the Five Years Meeting to a higher level of service. As we review the progress made since the beginning of the Five Years Meeting in 1902, there is ample basis for encouragement. The work of the Executive Committee has been conducted in a spirit of worship and commitment to the Kingdom of Christ.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,
A. Ward Applegate, *Chairman*
Errol T. Elliott, *Secretary*

After further explanation of the four recommendations, all were approved.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected, and approved.

John R. Walter (Indiana) spoke, commending the work of the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1950
7:30 P. M.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

25. The Clerk, Norval E. Webb, welcomed Clara W.

Finch of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Arch Street, and Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

26. After the singing of the hymn, "For the Beauty of the Earth," Ora W. Carrell (Nebraska), who presided in the session, read two passages from the Weymouth translation, one from the first chapter of Peter's Second Letter, the other from the third chapter of Paul's Letter to the Ephesians: "I pray that Christ may make his home in your hearts through your faith."

John Spitler (California) sang, "I Will Pilot Thee," and the meeting entered upon the consideration of the subject, "Building the Church Through Christian Nurture." Russell Rees (Western) recounted three incidents and asked three questions: Is not a man lost simply because he isn't going any place? Is a man to be congratulated merely because he is holding his own? Is there danger that we have lost the thread of our dreams? Christian Education must have aims and purposes. We have to realize what has happened in the past years to the Society of Friends and what the implications for the future are. We are gaining membership at the university level—but why do we have to borrow some of our fine young people from other denominations? Is there a fault that makes it impossible for us to produce our own?

Russell Rees presented a set of objectives in Christian Education. (1) Increase the ability of persons to make discriminating choices. (2) Develop sensitivity to the needs of people and willingness and ability to minister to those needs. (3) Help people to seek to understand the nature and purpose of the power that produces personality in the universe. (4) Inculcate principles of daily living to allow both for freedom and also a sense of responsibility. (5) Stimulate creative participation in group life, so that people do not feel frustrated by conditions that arise. (6) Inspire in people a desire to search for new knowledge and a way to integrate the knowledge that they have. (7) Create a desire to know the roots of personal faith. (8) Develop an ability in people to function more fully in the total fellowship of believers.

Russell Rees stated three of his convictions in the matter of Religious Education: (1) Our religion is too much of a crisis religion. We need to strengthen faith in prevention, to develop spiritual health to avert tragedy. (2) We need to develop a fresh new concern for people. (3) We need to develop concern for whole persons; the Christian education program must see men as whole men. May we develop such techniques of Christian Education that we fit ourselves to enter the open doors ahead of us.

The meeting adjourned to meet at 10:00 on Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1950
10:00 A. M.

27. The meeting convened according to adjournment and entered into a period of silent worship.

Minutes of the Friday evening session were read and approved.

28. Robert Jones (Western), William Reagan (Indiana), and Ruth Day (North Carolina) served as the panel to conduct discussion of the subject, "The Christian Nurture of Persons."

Ruth Day spoke of the basic need of Christian education, that of leading persons to Christ and giving them opportunities of continued growth. William Reagan, Helen Binford (North Carolina) and Gerald Dillon (Iowa) discussed the nature of conversion, Gerald Dillon also emphasizing the basic problem—the content of the message of Christian education. Ruby Meredith (Jamaica) spoke of preserving the eternal values of life in the minds of the young, meeting them as Jesus did with a deep and burning sense of the value of the individual. Ruth Whittlesey (California) and Arthur Watson (Kansas) developed this further, emphasizing the influence of the home—"A crop of young Christians is a wonderful crop."

Harold Chance (New England) spoke: "The soul is nurtured best when that soul has withdrawn into the secret place, closed the door and entered deeply into loneliness with God." As Friends, we believe in personal, first-hand contact. We need to consider ways of letting God carry on the nurture of the soul. Dr. Henry Smith Leiper spoke briefly of the influence of the character of teachers in making the teachings of Christ effective.

David Stanfield (Wilmington) expressed the concern that the Friends' techniques of problem solving might be revived, and Stanley Hamilton (Indiana) spoke of reviving community culture and spirit rather than overemphasizing individualism. Alexander Purdy (New England) voiced the conviction that there must be a nurture that lies beneath words and ideas. In family and in meeting, may we communicate a love that lasts—a love that binds children into the eternal fellowship. William Reagan (Indiana) and Essie Briggs (North Carolina) spoke also of the influence of parents upon children. Andrew Stuart (Iowa) emphasized the influence of preaching from the heart upon the hearts of the listeners. Richard Eastman (Indiana, Friends General Conference) further discussed the social nature of man, the influence of the family and the community upon the individual.

The summary of the discussion was read and approved.

29. The devotional period was opened by the singing of "This Is My Father's World."

Charles Ball, President of William Penn College, brought the message, which he centered about Acts 4:31:

"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness." He developed four considerations: first, a vital prayer life in which something was accomplished; second, a spiritual outpouring in which each person was conscious of the presence of God; third, the Christian fellowship in which they assembled and its power and beauty; and fourth, the way in which the disciples reached out in the spirit of Christ to touch others as they "spoke the word of God with boldness."

The meeting was adjourned to meet again at 2:00 o'clock.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1950
2:00 P. M.

The meeting convened according to adjournment. Out of the silent worship arose the song, "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide."

30. The Clerk recognized the following Friends: Horst Legatis, who came with a minute from Kassell Monthly Meeting of German Yearly Meeting; Arthur Roberts, a minister, and Fern Roberts, with a Minute from Kansas City Monthly Meeting; W. Worth Mackie, Lida Blackburn and Lloyd Bailey, all from Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative); Blanche W. Shaffer, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; Charles and Leora DeVol, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus).

31. A. Ward Applegate (Wilmington) spoke briefly in appreciation of the life and work of Anna Farr Carey in Jamaica and in two meetings in Wilmington Yearly Meeting. (Minute 23)

32. James Matchett (Western), Chairman of the Finance Committee, presented the following reports and asked Norman Young (Western) to explain the relation of this report to the one printed in the 1945 Minutes. These reports were approved.

The Treasurer's Report, which will be presented later today, summarizes the financial operations of the various Boards, Committees and other units of the Five Years Meeting for the 1946-1946 period.

In addition, it may be of interest to record the incomes received for the fiscal years 1945-46, and 1949-50.

For the United Work these figures are:

1945-46: $77,451.99
1949-50: $112,682.27

or a gain of 45% for four years.

For the assessment budget the figures are:

1945-46: $6,452.80
1949-50: $11,211.20

Increases in salaries to partially offset the rising cost of living and the upward trend in the costs of all materials which we must purchase have absorbed by far the major part of these increases in our incomes and it has not been possible to expand our program of service to meet adequately the demands made upon it.

AMERICAN FRIENDS BOARD OF MISSIONS

General Account 1945-1950

RECEIPTS	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48	1948-49	1949-50	TOTAL
United Budget	$45,827.11	$51,857.04	$53,229.66	$54,842.30	$48,055.72	$253,811.83
Direct Contributions	10,170.68	11,614.03	9,545.69	13,525.41	24,842.55	69,698.36
Interest	3,207.39	3,091.48	3,401.43	2,294.63	2,719.30	14,714.23
Refunds	—	—	951.46	740.99	311.88	2,004.33
Income on Paid-Up Pensions	190.68	246.75	997.72	1,024.56	1,769.34	4,229.05
Total	$59,395.86	$66,809.30	$68,125.96	$72,427.89	$77,698.79	$352,957.80

EXPENDITURES						
Africa	$12,076.54	$15,370.81	$14,900.35	$19,687.67	$22,033.50	$ 84,068.87
Cuba	6,583.73	6,158.81	6,202.81	5,272.93	4,020.32	28,238.60
Jamaica	11,124.87	11,454.24	13,266.57	11,707.80	14,428.86	61,982.34
Mexico	3,331.71	2,607.04	2,686.38	2,723.31	917.50	12,266.04
Palestine	7,299.54	5,521.54	5,722.70	3,801.52	4,140.37	26,485.67
Tennessee	3,749.17	4,694.62	6,138.06	5,987.41	7,574.81	28,144.07
Western Indians	1,810.00	2,000.00	2,071.18	2,200.00	2,200.00	10,281.18
Retirement Pensions	—	—	2,759.21	3,240.00	3,180.00	9,179.21
Administration	4,358.89	4,330.12	6,110.37	6,377.82	6,848.96	28,026.16
Education	6,347.90	5,732.18	6,711.70	9,817.64	7,917.52	36,526.94
Cooperatives	581.00	715.00	934.00	1,031.00	1,048.00	4,309.00
Publications	376.88	2,027.59	—	—	—	2,404.47
Attend. of Rep. to Five Yrs. Mtg.	388.00	—	—	—	—	388.00
Insurance	530.62	581.36	590.09	643.87	525.93	2,871.87
Student Summer Service	249.16	433.49	259.81	279.01	392.85	1,614.32
Miscellaneous	325.05	228.68	337.71	612.76	421.67	1,925.87
Total	$59,133.06	$61,855.48	$68,690.94	$73,382.74	$75,650.39	$338,712.61

CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

	Five Years Meeting	Pub. Board Book and Supply House	Pub. Board American Friend
RECEIPTS			
Yearly Meeting Assessments	$ 48,241.68		
United Budget Distribution	65,648.76	$ 8,006.09	
Direct Contributions			
Interest Received	182.01	115.95	
Sales, Subscriptions, etc.		206,493.71	$42,190.88
Miscellaneous Income	5,872.32	3,058.25	11,800.00
Rents from Central Offices	9,105.42		
Received on Notes and Loans	1,500.00		
Transfers	1,750.00		9,969.19
Loan Fund Set Up	5,000.00		
Total Receipts	$137,300.19	$217,674.00	$63,960.07

	Five Years Meeting	Pub. Board Book and Supply House	Pub. Board American Friend
EXPENDITURES			
Support of Aged Min. and Missionaries	$ 6,065.00		
Salaries and Personal Expense	43,436.18	$ 36,296.99	$15,673.92
Travel	11,973.72	1,536.19	
Property: Taxes, Rent, Insurance, and Repairs	19,140.60	3,221.75	892.05
Publications, Printing, Office Expense, Postage, Promotion	8,117.20	14,605.81	38,968.74
Miscellaneous Expense	7,005.26	811.20	201.38
Expense of Five Yrs. Meeting (1945)	3,140.12		
Expense of Five Yrs. Meeting (1950)	1,114.26		
Cost of Sales and Publication		159,812.68	
American Friend Subsidy	11,800.00		
Friends Book and Supply Subsidy	8,006.09		
Paid on Notes and Loans	2,447.49		
Transfers	7,750.00	9,969.19	
Loans	700.00		
Cont. to Inter-denominational Agencies	3,090.00		
Total Expense	$133,815.92	$226,253.81	$55,736.09
Net Revenue or Loss	+3,484.27	—8,579.81	+8,223.98

FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 1945 TO MARCH 31, 1950

Board on Christian Education	Peace Board	Board on Pub. Morals	Board on Education	Boulder Friends Loan Fund	
					$ 48,241.68
$56,126.47	$17,915.96	$3,389.45	$ 481.61		151.568.34
	5.00	6.00			11.00
					297.96
					248,684.59
1,763.24	4,411.97	31.25	957.87		27,894.90
					9,105.42
				$ 460.00	1,960.00
				5,000.00	16,719.19
					5,000.00
$57,889.71	$22,332.93	$3,426.70	$1,439.48	$5,460.00	$509,483.08
					$ 6,065.00
$38,065.12	$12,171.10	$1,540.00	$ 33.00		147,216.31
6,722.07	5,273.29	833.81	499.52		26,838.60
1,575.79	624.25	12.50			25,466.94
2,133.87	2,477.23	705.70	16.08		67,024.63
7,297.65	2,595.33	746.29	716.32		19,373.43
					3,140.12
					1,114.26
					159,812.68
					11,800.00
					8,006.09
800.00					3,277.49
				$ 700.00	18,419.19
				850.00	1,550.00
					3,090.00
$56,594.50	$23,141.20	$3,838.30	$1,264.92	$1,550.00	$502,194.74
+1,295.21	—808.27	—411.60	+174.56	+3,910.00	+7,288.34

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET
of the
FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS AND ITS BOARDS
as of March 31, 1950

ASSETS

CASH:			
Checking Accounts:			
Treas. of the Five Years Meeting	$29,960.16		
A. F. Board of Mission—General	18,287.23		
A. F. Board of Missions—Special	27,072.36		
A. F. Bd. Missions—Trust Fund	4,879.06		
A. F. Bd. Missions—Investment	12,674.05		
Friends Publication Board ____	3,465.91		
Trustees, Five Years Meeting ___	7,587.84		
Boulder Friends Loan Fund ___	4,610.00	$108,536.66	
Savings Accounts ____________		13,317.54	
Petty Cash held in Offices ______		280.00	
Savings and Loan Associations:			
Citizens Bldg. & Loan, New Castle	$ 2,920.82		
W. End Bldg. & Loan, Richmond	770.00		
Peoples Home & Sav., Richmond	1,750.00		
First Fed. Sav. & Loan, Richmond	1,000.00		
Peoples Home & Sav., New Bldg.	1,000.00	7,440.82	$129,575.02
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:			
Book Store _________________		$ 9,794.44	
Subscriptions, American Friend __		1,000.65	
Advertising __________________		65.82	
Yearly Meeting Assessments _____		105.92	
Loan, Dorothy Pitman ________		216.45	
Loan, Chas. Johnson (Boulder Fd.)		240.00	
Loan, Keith Parr (Boulder Fd.)		150.00	11,573.27
INVENTORIES:			
Publication Bd., Bks. and Supplies			10,263.87
INVESTED FUNDS:			
Mortgages and Real Es. Contracts		$130,101.05	
United States Bonds _________		20,337.00	
Other Stocks and Bonds ________		18,644.00	169,082.05
FURNITURE AND FIXTURES: Net			1,267.08
REAL ESTATE:			
Central Office Bldg., Book Value			10,000.00
Total Assets __________________			331,761.30

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:		
Current Purchases	$ 5,155.76	
William Wade Hinshaw	2,513.80	$ 7,669.56
PREPAID SUBSCRIPTION: American Friend		4,252.20
OTHER LIABILITIES:		
Pension Insurance Premiums	$ 57.03	
Blue Cross Insurance	2.50	
Jewelry Tax	28.48	
Yearly Meeting Assessments—Prepaid	114.74	202.75
UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME ACCOUNTS:		
Annuity Investment Account	$ 2,618.56	
Board of Education Endowment Fund	2,124.22	
Isaac Johnson Memorial Fund	450.17	
Walter C. Woodward Memorial Fund	52.60	
Womens Missionary Union	1.71	
Trust Fund, Alsina Andrews	1,582.93	
Trust Fund, F. Carl Autschback	982.91	7,813.10
ENDOWMENT AND ANNUITY FUNDS:		
Mission Board Endowment Fund	$106,792.44	
Mission Board Annuity Fund	37,027.88	
Mission Board General Investment Account	20,145.20	
Mission Board Insurance Reserve	6,772.97	
Mission Board Endowment Reserve	671.35	
Board of Education Endowment Fund	7,775.59	
Publication Board Endowment Fund	545.00	
Women's Missionary Union	1,190.54	
Isaac Johnson Memorial Fund	3,000.00	
Walter C. Woodward Memorial Fund	1,602.13	
Mortgage Payments, Undistributed	3,812.67	
Boulder Loan Fund	5,000.00	$194,335.77

FUND BALANCES:

Mission Board Special Fund	$ 36,679.70	
Executive Committee General Fund	5,916.75	
Reserve for Five Years Meeting	2,489.18	
Fund of New Building	1,000.00	
Reserve, Budget Assessment	105.96	
Executive Committee	79.16	
Central Office	—512.92	
Central Building Fund	—217.92	
Friends Fiduciary	332.50	
Library Catalogue	425.00	
Library	41.23	
Pension Committee	90.67	
Pension Insurance	—1.84	
Fund for Aged Ministers and Missionaries	812.02	
Cooperative Fund	3,213.27	
Board of Christian Education	2,693.17	
Board of Education	650.12	
Committee on Evangelism	166.51	
Committee on Ministerial Training	184.67	
Peace Board	795.91	
Board on Public Morals	180.23	
Stewardship Committee	562.65	
Reserve for Contingencies	13,250.03	
Advance Program	943.84	
Volunteer Service Council Pool	355.25	
Pool, Five Year Meeting Sessions	200.00	
Trust Fund, Alsina Andrews	3,429.47	
Trust Fund, F. Carl Autschbach	9,712.73	$ 83,577.34

SURPLUS ACCOUNTS:

Equity in Office Building	$ 10,000.00	
Publication Board, Book and Supply House	16,003.35	
Board of Missions	10,203.73	
	$ 36,207.08	
Less Deficits:		
The American Friend	2,296.50	33,910.58
Total Liabilities and Net Worth		$331,761.30

33. In the absence of Louis B. Campbell (Indiana), Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Norman Young presented the following report of the Trustees, which was approved.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

During the past five years the Trustees have administered the funds that have come into their hands, endeavoring at all times to invest funds in such ways as to produce the largest income consistent with safety of principal.

First mortgage real estate loans have been the chief investment but as it has become increasingly difficult to find desirable loans the Board has, during the past year, purchased some high grade stocks and bonds which meet trust standards.

Total funds in the Board's custody have increased from $111,925. 20 on March 31, 1945 to $158,604.93 on March 31, 1950, as shown by the following schedule:

Principal Funds	Mar. 31, 1945	Mar. 31, 1950
Mission Board Endowment Account	$ 59,809.70	$106,792.44
Mission Bd. Endowment Acc't Reserve	0.00	671.35
Mission Board Annuity Account	38,127.88	37,027.88
Board of Education Endowment Acc't	8,442.62	7,775.59
Publication Board Endowment Acc't	545.00	545.00
Women's Miss. Union Endow. Acc't	2,000.00	1,190.54
Isaac Johnson Memorial Fund	3,000.00	3,000.00
Walter Woodward Memorial Fund	0.00	1,602.13
Totals	$111,925.20	$158,604.13

Details of income and investments have been submitted to the Executive Committee each year.

Respectfully,
L. B. CAMPBELL, *Chairman*

34. Alvin T. Coate (Western) presented the following report of the Friends Fiduciary Corporation, together with the Articles of Agreement as recorded in Minute 8 E 37 of the Executive Committee Minutes. They were approved.

FIDUCIARY CORPORATION OF FRIENDS
REPORT TO FIVE YEARS MEETING

The factual statements in Executive Committee Report are, I think, adequate.

The Fiduciary Corporation of Friends is an accomplished fact and is beginning to be used by interested persons.

Thus far these gifts have been testamentory, that is to say, gifts by will, effective on the death of the donors.

All liquid funds and securities as received will be placed and continue to remain in the custody of recognized Banks and Trust Companies such as Indiana National Bank and American National Bank of Indianapolis, and perhaps Second National Bank of Richmond, Indiana.

The primary duty of the Fiduciary Corporation is to arrange the terms of the Trust for each gift and to administer it when effective.

Our chief present concern is that all adult members of The Five Years Meeting and all others interested in the wise and Christian-like final disposal of their property know of this Trust Foundation created by The Five Years Meeting.

You will find its Brochure Prospectus on the literature table for distribution and the Corporation welcomes inquiries as to procedure and further information.

We are encouraged by continued evidences of interest. Some bequests are completed with others pending, but the further education of Christian men and women in the wise disposition of their property is a duty for all of us.

For Fiduciary Corporation of Friends
Alvin T. Coate, *Board Chairman*
Isaac E. Woodard, *President*
Sumner A. Mills, *Secretary*

35. George H. Wood (Indiana) called attention to leaflets on Quaker Hill and read a report of the Building Committee offering terms by which Quaker Hill would be given to the Five Years Meeting to be used as the Five Years Meeting Headquarters.

36. Nellie H. Markle (Indiana) spoke of difficulties in moving the Central Offices, in continuance of the hostel, in details in the disposing of the property if the Five Years Meeting did not accept it; and in supporting Quaker Hill and a building program.

On the suggestion of A. Ward Applegate (Wilmington), the meeting approved of instructing the Business Committee to invite those well informed in the matter to offer advice and counsel when the report was considered.

Merle Davis (Indiana) asked permission to submit the whole report of the Administrative Council to the Business Committee. This was approved.

37. The Report of the Committee on Aged Ministers and Missionaries was read by George H. Wood (Indiana) and approved as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES

During the past five years there have been many changes in the personnel of this committee due to geographical changes in the residences of its membership. Thus the present Chairman and Secretary of the committee have been in charge of this activity of the Five Years Meeting only during the past year and a half. However, the committee has been functioning through correspondence with each other and all applications for assistance have been given careful consideration.

During the past fiscal year, there was disbursed $1015 to seven recipients of whom one was added during the year and two were discontinued through death. We have one application pending at the present moment and outside of that one we now have five living participants on our list with an annual rate of disbursement of $820.

It appears that conditions are better than in the past since there have not been so many applications. However, funds have been tighter due to the failure of the Five Years Meeting to raise its full budget and the urgency in other departments of work. However, your committee is anxious to receive suggestions of proper persons that need our assistance and as soon as such names come in, we will investigate and take proper action within the limits of our budget.

Our recent Secretary, Kenneth Pickering, has asked to be relieved of this office due to removal to California. A new Secretary will no doubt be appointed after the appointment of the new committee at our current sessions. The excellent work of Kenneth Pickering during these changes in membership of the committee has been greatly appreciated.

Due to the recent emphasis on old age security and the gradual increase in the number of ministers and missionaries that are under some form of retirement benefits, there will gradually be a lessening need for benefits to be distributed thru this committee. However, if there are any who are ineligible under other pension plans and who need assistance, this committee should see that such cases are given sympathetic consideration.

George H. Wood, *Chairman*

38. Russell Rees (Western), Chairman of the Board on Christian Education, introduced Lawrence Peery, Chairman of the Young Friends Department and Editor of Young Friends publications; Olaf Hanson, Editor of children's material and Director of Children's Work; Leonard R. Hall, Editor of adult materials and Administrative Secretary of the Board on Christian Education. Leonard Hall presented the report, calling attention to leading points. He discussed the concerns of the Young Friends for a unified pattern of organization, for an expanding service to the intermediate age group, and for the training of leaders of young people; and also emphasized the growth of adult education programs throughout the country, the necessity for giving consideration to such programs, and the need for study of the Home Life Programs.

The report was approved.

REPORT OF BOARD ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To the Five Years Meeting of 1950:

Through thirteen years of constant search for Divine guidance and with tireless work on the part of both secretaries and members of the Board on Christian Education, it has reached a maturity that calls for higher standards of service in all of its departments. During the past five years it has especially felt a deepening sense of responsibility for the Christian nurture of persons of all ages.

The Board has attempted both to give and to find help in its many and varied contacts with local and yearly meeting workers. Through the volunteer service of department heads and other members of the Board, conference and field work on the part of secretaries and the increased amount of church school literature written and produced by Friends, constructive work has grown both in amount and in breadth of program. Ways have opened to give greater opportunities for field work; persons well trained for the interpretation of the Bible have given their time generously to writing for our publications and the staff members have been very conscientious in caring for every detail of the whole work of the Board.

Board And Staff Organization

The Board on Christian Education began its work in 1945 with Cecil E. Haworth, chairman, Nellie H. Markle, vice-chairman, and R. Furnas Trueblood, financial secretary. All of these served for the full five year period.

The staff at this time was composed of Charles F. Thomas serving as Secretary to the Board and Director of Young Friends Work, and Lillian White Shepard, Editor of Bible School Literature. Due to an expanding program and other reasons, several changes in personnel have taken place.

In 1948 the Board regretfully accepted the resignation of Lillian White Shepard, who had been editor of both adult and children's publications. During her period of service, Lillian White Shepard made some very definite contributions to the work of the Board. She envisioned a greatly expanded program of editorial and field work. She brought to the office the advantages of excellent training and experience. She delighted in the development of writers and workers among Friends. She helped the Board and the staff to realize and maintain a high standard of performance in both planning and writing. As editor she constantly sought to make our literature Friendly in content and a challenge for the carrying out of the principles of Friends. She was a very versatile and capable person and only an exceptional one could follow her in such a wide spread of age group writing. Recognizing this, the Board asked Charles Thomas to become Executive Secretary of its work and to assume the duties of editing our adult publications.

Lawrence Peery, a student at Earlham College with considerable experience in youth work both in his yearly meeting and in youth groups of the International Council of Religious Education, was secured as a part-time Secretary for the Youth Department.

A full-time editor and field secretary in the area of children's work had been anticipated for some time. In September of 1949, Olaf Hanson became our first full-time children's worker. She was exceptionally well trained for this position and had had practical experience in writing for religious publications, working in conferences and laboratory schools throughout the country, and in teaching in weekday schools of religion for a period of ten years.

The above three persons, with two office secretaries, composed the staff until July of 1950. In April Charles F. Thomas had asked to be released by this date that he might again enter pastoral work for which he felt a definite call. After careful consideration the Board felt that it was right to grant his request. The following quotation from the Board minutes of April, 1950, pays tribute to Charles F. Thomas in his service to the Board. "His genuine concern for the significance of religious teaching and experience combined with his ability as a minister and conference leader gave him many avenues of service in the field of Christian education. He had in large measures a sympathetic understanding of the needs of different sections of the Five Years Meeting scattered as they are. . . . He gave stability to the Board and also to the broader aspects of the Five Years Meeting as he shared his thinking with the other secretaries of the Central Office staff." The time that he could give to preaching and field service was limited but he gave it freely whenever it was possible.

A thoughtful survey was then made of persons with training and experience that would fit them for this position left vacant. The choice fell upon Leonard Hall, pastor of the Friends Church in New Castle, Indiana. He had an educational background that made good preparation for the editorial work, he had strongly believed in the importance of Christian education and had emphasized it in the meetings he had served as pastor, and he was experienced in youth work, having been chairman of that committee in Indiana Yearly Meeting for four years and their representative on the Board on Christian Education. In addition to this he had been a member of the Editorial Committee. He comes to the work with a full realization of its responsibilities and a deep concern for the spiritual contribution which the Board should render through its varied relationships within the Five Years Meeting.

Lawrence Peery has spent much of each summer visiting in youth camps, leading classes in young Friends conferences and directing the work of the Volunteer Service Council. During the summer of 1950 at the invitation of the American Friends Board of Missions he, with his wife Florence Emma Peery, attended the young Friends conferences in Jamaica and Cuba. He also visited many local meetings on these islands. He was active in the organization and program of the American Young Friends Conference held in Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1949. He edits *The Youth Quarterly* and *The Penn Weekly* and maintains a program service for youth groups which is widely used in many of our yearly meetings.

Olaf Hanson as Children's Editor writes a large part of the material in *The Penn Junior Children's Teacher* and *The Penn Primary Children's Teacher*. She also edits *The Penn Junior Quarterly* and has prepared articles in *The Penn Teacher* and *The American Friend.*

The office has been fortunate in the secretarial help during this period. Victorine McCracken, Barbara Beam, Mildred Macy and Mildred Blessing have given both capable and understanding assistatnce. At the present time Esther Joyner of Elizabethtown, Indiana, has joined the staff as office secretary. She is a recent graduate of Earlham College and has had experience in a business office.

Publications

During the period from 1945 to 1950 some major changes have taken place in our publications. *The Penn Adult Quarterly,* formerly purchased from another denomination with the privilege of editing and adding certain portions, is now written entirely by Friends. *The Penn Teacher,* with some shifts in material, has been changed from a monthly to a quarterly publication. It too is written by Friends and both *The Penn Adult Quarterly* and *The Penn Teacher* are being published in Richmond under the direction of the Friends Publication Board. New covers in color, more illustrations, and better paper give them an inviting appearance. *The Penn Teacher* retains a magazine section that can be devoted to special articles. This space gives each of the departments the opportunity to present special phases of their work from time to time.

After careful study of the youth material available, the youth quarterly of the Church of the Brethren at Elgin, Illinois, and also their youth paper as a basis for *The Penn Weekly* seemed to be closer to Friends in spirit and more suited to our needs than the material which had for many years been obtained from another source. Satisfactory arrangements were made with the Elgin Publishing House which gives to us the privilege of joint planning of the content of both publications and allows substitution of denominational and program material in certain pages which is more desirable from the standpoint of Friends. The stories are of a high type and less editing in general is found to be necessary.

The Junior Quarterly was formerly a Methodist publication. The number purchased did not seem large enough to them to warrant editing on our part. This meant particularly that the quarter devoted to missions would present the Methodist work insead of Friend's. *The Junior Quarterly* written for the newly merged Evangelical United Brethren Church showed evidence of new life at this time. Probably because of our long association with the United Brethren Publishing House we were able to buy it with satisfactory arrangements for editing whenever there are denominational phases presented in the material. It has proved to be more attractive, to have good educational procedures and to be better adapted to the use of Friends than the earlier quarterly.

The Penn Primary Teacher and *The Penn Junior Teacher,* now largely written by Olaf Hanson, continue to increase in circulation. They are a vital link between our Children's Work Secretary and the children's teachers of the Five Years Meeting.

For a number of years one number of *The American Friend* in August was devoted to the Board on Christian Education, its emphases and program. Special articles, helps in program planning, and departmental suggestions were included for the help of the church school leaders as they planned the work for a new year. Two copies were sent to every school in the Five Years Meeting, making one for the pastor and another for the church school superintendent. In 1950, a *Christian Education Bulletin* was substituted for the special *American Friend.*

There has been prepared each year a general Prospectus covering all departments of work for the use of yearly meeting chairmen of Christian Education.

As a help to the unification of Christian education with the aims of the Advance with which the Board is cooperating, a booklet entitled, "Advance Through the Sunday School," was prepared by Charles Thomas and Russell Rees.

With the opportunities afforded for the presentation of helpful material in our regular publications, there is a somewhat less need for special pamphlets than formerly.

The Editorial Committee

This committee charged with guidance and direction of all of the Christian education publications known as the *Penn Series* has worked under a great sense of responsibility during the past five years when specific changes have been made in practically all of our publications. Catherine Bruner was appointed its chairman in 1945. She served for one year when her removal to California made it impossible for her to continue. Nellie Markle who had formerly been the chairman was again asked to head the committee.

Questions of policy, selection of writers, determination of the purpose of the writing, needs of persons served, format, circulation and detailed problems of getting the work done are all matters that receive the attention of the committee.

They have attempted from time to time to evaluate the material through careful study that they might know whether the definite quality of writing and leadership for constructive help is going into the publications.

One of the needs at present is adequate literature for intermediates in the way of a quarterly and teacher's helps. A study of such literature has been undertaken by a commission from the Youth Department, and progress is being made toward producing some materials in this growing field.

The Editorial Committee is studying the new trends in curriculum building by other denominations to find which of these are significant to Friends and to the general field of Christian Education. When they are, it should be possible to integrate them to some degree into our teacher's helps and the other material which we write.

Cooperation With Other Bodies

The Board of Christian Education from the time of its organization has been a member of the International Council of Religious Education. In 1949 the Board took the proper steps to ratify the merging of the International Council of Religious Education into the proposed National Council of Churches. Subsequently our representatives have been appointed under the rules of the new body of which the International Council of Religious Education is a constituent part.

Members of the Council have attended our Board meetings at various times, giving help in organization, youth work discussions, children's work and audio-visual aids. The Board was able to secure Dr. John C. Trevor of the Department of English Bible for an address to the joint meeting of all Boards in April, 1950. He gave a stimulating account of how the Bible comes alive through new discoveries and new versions.

Field conferences sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education regularly depend upon denominational staff members for leadership. Charles Thomas either led devotional periods or served as discussion leader at a number of such meetings, as did Lillian Sheppard.

Olaf Hanson helped in the Children's Regional Conferences in South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa. She has twice given a week to teaching demonstration schools. She taught in the Interdenominational Summer School at Des Moines, Iowa, on two occasions, and participated in the Children's Work Section of the World Sunday School Association in Canada.

Both Charles Thomas and Lawrence Peery have been active in the youth groups of the International Council of Religious Education.

A Christian Education conference attended by representatives of all branches of Friends was held at Quaker Hill during this period. The most important subject for discussion was, "What Should Be the Distinctive Quaker Emphases in Quaker Christian Education?" The Peace Board and the Christian Education Board cooperated in sponsoring a three-day conference at Quaker Hill on the best methods of Peace Education. Both of these meetings had real value in their discussions.

WORK OF DEPARTMENTS

A large part of the work of the Board is planned and carried out by the departments—Christian Home Life, Children's, Youth, Adult, and Leadership Training.

Christian Home Life Department

In the reorganization which took place during the sessions of the Five Years Meeting in 1945, R. Furnas Trueblood was appointed as Chairman of Christian Home Life. During the first part of this period a mimeographed leaflet was prepared and distributed by the department. This leaflet was entitled, "Guiding Steps for Friends Concerned with Developing Christian Homes." It seemed to meet a general need. A mimeographed sheet entitled, "Suggestions for Family Night in a Local Meeting," was also made available, but was never in very great demand.

From time to time articles were written by the chairman for such periodicals as *The American Friend,* and *The Penn Teachers' Monthly*. Such articles dealt with some phase of Christian home life, or more especially with the promotion of National Christian Family Week. The greatest efforts of the department were expended in giving emphasis to Family Week, and securing and distributing literature which had been written as a guide for the observance of that week each year. There has been a growing response to this emphasis, and more and more meetings have been using the materials which have been promoted and sent out by our department.

The chairman has found opportunity from time to time to be of some help in guiding local and yearly meeting chairmen in the field of Christian home life. He spoke on this subject at some yearly meetings and some quarterly meeting conferences. At the time of the National Conference on Family Life held at Washington, D. C., the chairman was privileged to attend and represent Friends. He felt that it was an exceedingly challenging and worthwhile conference, and that it was a hopeful sign to see so many people from all parts of the nation vitally interested in seeking the solutions to need and problems of family life.

In the spring of 1949 Truman Whitaker was appointed to take the place of R. Furnas Trueblood who resigned as chairman of the department. He has continued the emphasis on National Family Week observance throughout the Five Years Meeting. He and his department have revised and brought up to date the leaflet on "Guiding Steps," thus making it more usable and more attractive. Fortunately, because of his nearness to New York City he has been able to attend some of the meetings of the Commission on Marriage and the Home of the Federal Council of Churches. Thus we have been represented there in a way which has not been possible before.

The most recent project of the department under the guidance of the new chairman has been the assembling of a packet of very important and helpful materials on Christian home life. A supply of these packets is made available at the Friends Book and Supply House so that anyone or any meeting wishing to buy them may do so at the very reasonable price of fifty cents per packet.

Children's Work

Vesta Stanfield became chairman of the Children's Work Department in 1945. To it she gave five years of conscientious service. Through her efforts the first conference of yearly meeting chairmen of children's work was held in the fall of 1946. The necessity for closer contact, mutual acquaintance, and fellowship among children's workers had been felt from the beginning of departmental work. This conference developed a spiritual understanding of work with children and the way was opened for correspondence and consulting together. Ruth Shriver, former children's worker from the Church of the Brethren, Lillian White Shepard, Furnas Trueblood, Percy Thomas, and Nellie Markle served as leaders of the conference.

Prompted by a number of calls for assistance in the planning of junior yearly meeting programs, Vesta Stanfield made a survey covering all of them. The variation of program which was found through this study gave evidence that some cooperative planning might be useful in bringing about a unity of purpose and better methods of presentation. Since Olaf Hanson became a member of the staff she has been asked to share in the leadership of a number of junior yearly meetings. She has encouraged careful planning on the part of leaders and workers preceding the sessions. The values which come from pupil participation are more likely to be realized if this is done. As an example, in the summer of 1950 when Indiana Yearly Meeting conducted its first Junior Yearly Meeting, a unit of study, "How Friends Grow," was planned by the Christian Education Committee and written by a sub-committee. The increased attendance each day as well as the concerns developed by the children themselves was very encouraging. A request from the older boys and girls present for a junior high group another year indicated their interest in the quality of the program.

The resignation of Lillian White Shepard from the editorial work resulted in a reorganization of the entire staff of the Board on Christian Education. Olaf Hanson become the first full-time Secretary and Editor of the Children's Work Department. It is gradually creating an expanded program with a regular, consistent pattern of activity which includes both field work and writing for our Children's Work publications.

Services of a practical nature in the yearly meetings are growing. The demonstration and laboratory classes have shown better methods and ways of working with children in the local meeting. A distribution of bibliographies compiled for each age group has helped children's workers to know what books are best. Yearly meetings have cooperated in making an increased amount of field work possible. It has been found where it has been tried that a full-time worker in religious education within the yearly meeting has been excedingly valuable in strengthening the program.

A regular part of Olaf Hanson's time is given to the writing and the editing of the material for *The Penn Primary* and *The Penn Junior Children's Teacher* and *The Penn Junior Quarterly*. Friendly literature in the area of nusery and kindergarten is recognized as a need which eventually should be met.

Within the past two years a plan-book for children's workers has been developed. It has been called *The Friendly Year Book*. Vesta Stanfield and Olaf Hanson designed the first issue. The second issue has now been prepared and distributed by a group of interested children's workers. This mimeographed booklet enables the teacher in the local meeting to plan her work ahead for the year. Appreciative comments have been received concerning its value.

The most careful thought is given to the content of the publications for children's work so that they will provide good material for religious training, and in addition a Friendly emphasis. Their use by Friends would seem essential in the education of Quaker children.

A small audio-visual aid library of carefully selected film strips and slides has been developed. Much more is to be done in this field.

Ruth Day, the new chairman of the Children's Department, will help to plan the program for the second conference for children's workers which will be held in April, 1951, at Quaker Hill. This meeting should be full of practical help; and in keeping with the aims of the Advance, should challenge those who attend to develop a vital program of children's work in their own yearly meetings and help all who share in the local work to do it in the spirit of Jesus who said, "Let the children come . . . for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Youth Department

The Youth Department has continued to grow during the past five years in the service which it has been able to render to the yearly meetings and to the local meetings, with the faithful help of the young Friends chairmen of the yearly meetings and the adult representatives of the Board. It is gradually gaining a perspective of the work which it should be doing and the services which it should render.

One of the outstanding achievements of the past five years has been the development and interpretation of a pattern of organizaion and activity for young Friends groups. In a great many of the areas of the Five Years Meeting, there has been a general feeling that there was no existing pattern of organization which adequately met the needs of young Friends. Many of the existing patterns have not provided for making the most of the obligation of the individual responsibility to the meeting, group planning and direction of activities, or for learning the Friends business procedure. Out of this need has arisen a plan for organization and activity commonly known as Friends Youth Fellowship or Young Friends Fellowship for the lack of a better name, which does meet these basic needs while at the same time remaining flexible enough to to be adapted to individual situations. One of the strong features of this plan of organization and activity is that it definitely links the local youth group to the monthly meeting, rather than allowing it to go completely its own way; and also encourages the youth of the meeting to take an active and aggressive part in the work of the monthly meeting.

The department is continually endeavoring to improve its program resources for the local group. *The Penn Weekly* has undergone some major alterations and has emerged a much better story paper as well as a better source of youth programs. Outstanding features of *The Penn Weekly* in its present form are exceptionally high quality stories, articles of religious and social importance, regular articles on crafts and various hobbies, and regular monthly study units for use by the young Friends group. These study units appear always in the second issue of the month and are prepared for the succeeding month, thus giving the local group adequate time to plan and arrange the material. With the improvement of *The Penn Weekly* has come a slow but steady rise in circulation. Other program services include a twelve-compartment expansion file for filing materials of religious significance which may be desired at future times.

The field-work of the Youth Department Secretary has continued in much the same pattern as in the past and the Secretary has assisted in young Friends camps and conferences in several yearly meetings, served in yearly meeting sessions, counselled with yearly meeting young Friends groups, and has helped to organize and has participated in group consultations of youth leaders. The Youth Department was largely responsible for the renewing of the biennial American Young Friends Conferences. The first one of the renewed series was held at Earlham in 1947 and proved to be most helpful for a number of young people in setting in their lives a sense of direction. The 1949 conference has proven to be one of the great milestones in American Quakerism. Young Friends came together at William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, to explore the basic tenets of our faith and the resulting implications for our lives. The depth of understanding which was reached there came as the result of complete abandonment on the part of everyone to the discovery of God's will, while facing up very frankly to the variations in our interpretation of the fundamentals of the Christian faith.

Growth of young Friends work in the yearly meetings has been comparable to that of the Youth Department. Most of the yearly meetings now own camp sites. Along with this increased development in camp facilities, there has come a very real concern for the improvement of camping programs. Yearly meeting personnel have vigorously sought after additional information and the Youth Department has been able to cooperate with them in meeting a part of this need. A bibliography of camping materials has been compiled and is in the hands of all the yearly meeting Young Friends chairmen. Also, one training school for camp leaders has been held in connection with a Board meeting. This increase in camping program is probably the grestatest single stride which is being made by all of the yearly meetings.

Friends are also increasing their participation in the larger Christian circle. We have discovered through the past few years that cooperation in the larger circle is valuable as a source of new information and techniques for doing things. We have also found that there is a very real opportunity for sharing our ministry in this larger circle. Friends participation in the wider church activities has been growing rapidly and now we have several hundred young people participating in such observances as National Youth Week.

The one great advance in the Youth Department has been the development of a mid-year meeting of representatives of the yearly meetings. These meetings have been of a high spiritual tone and have served to provide an opportunity to study and plan which had not previously been available. It is out of this background that a great many of the advances descibed in earlier paragraphs have come. It has also made possible a careful study of the needs of the youth of the Five Years Meeting and the development of an ambitious and vigorous program to meet those needs.

Youth Work In The Five Years Meeting Is Growing

Young Friends have always resented being called the church of tomorrow. With your help and the help of your Youth Department they can take their rightful place and be a vigorous part of the church of today.

The Adult Department

James Furbay remained chairman of the Adult Department until his employment by the Publication Board in 1947. He continues to feel the challenge of the need for improvement of our adult materials. His study of the content of the quarterly, his experience in writing and editing at times when assistance was necessary made his evalutions and judgment valuable when the final decisions for changes were made.

His interest in the general adult educational field was expressed through distribution of book lists, pamphlets and other material to adult leaders. He initiated the practice of sending some person each year to an Adult Work Shop held under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education. When James Furbay became manager for the Publication Board, Richard Newby was appointed to the chairmanship of the committee. He has given much serious thought and guidance to it. The committee has continued to send an adult leader each year from a different yearly meeting to an Adult Work Shop. On their return they have written helpful articles for our publications, given leadership in their own yearly meetings, and have put new life into adult education.

Books have been circulated and material sent to yearly meeting chairmen for help in program planning. A serious study of an adult program for the Five Years Meeting was made and presented to the Board by Richard Newby.

Feeling the need of work in the field for which there is no money, this department has asked Ernest Lamb as he travels about on a "preaching mission" in the Five Years Meeting to represent the interest of adult work in Christian education.

Leadership Training

Mildred Rains was appointed chairman of the Leadership Training Department and did an effective piece of work until other responsibilities made it necessary for her to withdraw. After the resignation of Mildred Rains, the work continued under the direction of William Hale. A set of pictures, 2x2 colored slides, entitled "The Church Must Preach," was purchased for circulation. Attention was given to requests for information about ways of setting up leadership schools and the available material for class use. The standards are set for such schools by the International Council of Religious Education. Records are kept of all Friends who finish the courses and receive certificates. Leadership material was circulated and conferences and training schools were given help and encouragement. Charles Thomas was appointed chairman of this department after his resignation as Secretary of the Board.

Advance

During the period from 1945 to 1950 the work of the Christian Education Board has given evidence of growth and certain trends have become apparent, for example:

There is a growing sense of a cooperative Christian education program within the Five Years Meeting.

Audio-visual education is being expanded as a tool of the objectives of Christian education.

The Student Summer Service, now the Volunteer Service Council, is better financed and has more significant projects.

The growth of a curriculum that is more Friendly in content is made possible by the changes in the literature now produced.

Cooperation with other Boards and groups of Friends has given strength and purpose to the whole program of the Board.

The Board once adopted as a goal the words, "Strengthening our basic strongholds—the home, the meeting and the school." This can only be done as we feel an awareness of our Christian objectives and strive to carry them out.

Prepared on behalf of the Board,

RUSSELL E. REES, *Chairman*
LEONARD R. HALL, *Secretary*
NELLIE H. MARKLE

39. Clyde A. Milner (North Carolina) briefly presented the outstanding activities of the Board on Education; conferences, publications, increase of interest in secondary schools, particularly the study of Friendsville Academy, and the building of even closer cooperation between schools and meetings. "Whereas we want more courses in religion," he said, "we are deeply concerned with having more religion in all courses taught. Schools and meetings face these troubled days in man's history together, and it is a time to consider ways in which we may all advance together."

The report was approved.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON EDUCATION

The Board on Education, as instructed in "Faith and Practice," has concerned itself with the basic problems of education in the Five Years Meeting, particularly in connection with its schools and colleges. It has endeavored to encourage the maintenance of Quaker educational ideals and to promote interest on the part of Friends in the support of their institutions of learning. This five year period has been characterized by a growing cooperation and more mutually helpful relations between all Friends Schools and their constituent meetings.

Two meetings have been held annually, one in midwinter in connection with the meeting of the Association of American Colleges, and one in the spring at the time of the meeting of the Executive Board of the Five Years Meeting.

Conferences

Three valuable conferences were sponsored during the past five years. The first of these was held on November 21 and 22, 1946, at Richmond, Indiana, in connection with the inauguration of Thomas Jones as President of Earlham College. The subject of Quaker

Education was discussed by one hundred and thirteen persons. The Association of Friends Colleges, the Friends Council on Education, the American Friends Service Committee, and the Board of Missions of the Five Years Meeting participated in the conference; ten Friends' colleges and seventeen schools sent representatives from faculty, from school committees or trustee boards, and from the student body.

The second conference, attended by seventy persons united in a concern for adequately trained and responsible leadership in the various fields of Friends' Christian service, was held also at Earlham College, in August, 1948. This workshop surveyed the personnel requirements of pastoral work, American Friends Service Committee work, teaching, missions, and local meeting leadership.

A study of personnel needs emphasized the following qualities as particularly desirable in Friends' workers: spiritual insight and power; respect for individual worth and for the sacredness of all aspects of life; integrity in personal character and in the search for truth; ability to appreciate all phases of human life; growing emotional maturity; simplicity, tranquillity, humor, flexibility, and humility; a sense of concern, extending beyond the individual to the group; and an understanding of what is best called "the sense of the meeting."

Special recommendations from the various workshops outlined the suggested actions as follows: constant exchange of experiences between local meetings and colleges and cooperation in recognizing and fostering potential leadership; closer contact of meetings with Young Friends while away at school and college; a bulletin showing total picture of job opportunities in Friends' work; the releasing of college instructors for field service with the AFSC; more courses in Bible, religion, and Quaker thought and these made more available in early college years; careful study of salary schedules in all fields of service.

The third conference in cooperation with the committee on ministerial training was held at Quaker Hill in May, 1950. The work of this group is still under way. In preparation for this conference, four Yearly Meetings made preliminary studies and sent to Herbert Huffman written reports of their findings. These reports were evaluated and organized and an editing committee is at work on further revision of this material. This project seems to be rather widely approved and the joint committee is looking toward the publication, in the near future, of a volume to serve those in training for ministerial responsibilities as well as for those now actually engaged in pastoral work.

Friends colleges have responded eagerly and definitely to suggestions made to them by the Board on Education. These colleges have in recent years increased and developed a program of cooperation with their yearly meetings. They have given short courses for ministers to provide for an inspirational and educational opportunity. Courses have also been worked out in the colleges whereby the students may get the best religious education and training possible in the time available to them. At present a joint committee of Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings is planning a school of two weeks duration for young people entering the ministry. It is intended that students in this school will attend for four successive summers and a program of reading and instruction is being worked out over a four year period, and plans are being made for a suitable faculty. There is also under consideration a summer school of six weeks duration to be carried on jointly by members of the faculties of Friends Colleges, for which credit may be given.

Publications

Three publications were brought out and distributed as a result of these conferences: *Distinction in Quaker Education,* prepared before and as a suggested outline for the first conference; *Quaker Education Considered,* which presented the addresses given at this conference and the summary of the discussions; and *Personnel Needs and Training in the Society of Friends,* which presented the findings of the second Workshop Conference briefly outlined above. A limited number of these printed pamphlets are still available.

Growing Concern For Friends Secondary Schools

The Board on Education has felt a special concern for the Secondary Schools. It is at this period in the lives of young people that the basic decisions are made and established. An increased interest in and a more generous support of all Friends Secondary Schools is urged. The Board has received an appeal from Friendsville Academy and has given special attention and thought to their problems. The Board is now considering ways and means of assisting and encouraging this school in every way possible.

Closer Cooperation Of Friends Schools And Colleges

The Board on Education is encouraged by the growing understanding between Schools and Meetings and in a deepening of the sense of mutual responsibility for the tasks that confront the Society of Friends. There has been improvement in the programs of studies offered by Friends' Schools and Colleges. More courses in religion are being given and, of even greater importance, more religion in all courses offered is being emphasized.

This is no time to slacken our work, as our meetings, schools and colleges face together the challenges of this troubled period in man's history. Certainly this is a time which demands even greater rethinking of our educational programs and services and support of our schools and colleges to an even greated degree in our interest, thought and resources, so we may all advance, together.

CLYDE A. MILNER, *Chairman*
WILLIAM J. REAGAN, *Secretary*

40. James Matchett, Chairman of the Publication Board, gave the following report of that Board, which was approved. James Furbay (Indiana) called attention to a list, "Advance through Good Reading," available now.

REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD

During the past five years, the Publication Board has sought through its periodical literature to channel the message and program of service of the Five Years Meeting to the local meetings belonging to our member Yearly Meetings. This aggressive effort has been in keeping with the policy of the Publication Board and the Board on Christian Education to increase substantially the amount of Quaker material in our Sunday school publications.

As governmental controls were removed, we were faced with constantly increasing printing costs. In 1949 the prices became somewhat stable, and then began to climb again during the summer of 1950. The printing costs on six of our publications exceed the receipts from sales. Operating expenses have to be met from the profit on the sale of books and other supplies, and from the subsidy allowed us in the United Services Budget.

Circulation Trends

During the first three years of this period, there was a drop in circulation on some of our publications, particularly the adult quarterly and the *Penn Teacher,* due in part to the change-over from the use of the Otterbein adult quarterly to the one we produced entirely ourselves.

The circulation on the adult and youth materials seems now to be fairly well stabilized. However, during the five year period there has been a consistent rise in circulation of all of our children's materials. The effective field work of the children's secretary has been reflected in this substantial increase in the demand for such materials.

The services of the Book and Supply House have grown to the extent that in 1950 over a million pieces of literature were sent out. When this is viewed in relation to our very limited staff and the inadequacy of our working quarters, Friends will become more aware of the value and extent of our services.

The Receipts From Sales And Operating Expenses

The receipts from the sale of books increased from $9,327 in 1946 to $11,926 in 1950; the sales of Sunday school publications increased from $22,194 in 1946 to $32,316 in 1950; and the miscellaneous supplies, from $4,029 in 1946 to over $5,000 in 1950. The total sales of all materials in the book store increased during the five year period from $35,550 to $49,242.

The gross income from operations increased during the five year period from $5,239 in 1946 to $14,156 in 1950. This increase in volume of business has made necessary the employment of more help in the offices to care for the work. And as a result our total operating expenses rose from $8,285 to $15,233.

Enlarged Services To Yearly Meeting

Displays of books and other books and materials have been provided for most of our member Yearly Meetings. These have been found helpful in getting books into circulation. Displays have also been provided for a number of Young Friends conferences, religious educational conferences, and for special emphases in local meetings.

Because of a growing interest in the use of audio-visual aids in religious education, we now stock motion picture and slide projectors, screens, filmstrips, and other such equipment and materials. We are a member of the Religious Film association and we have a small interest in the film loaning libraries provided by them. Our sale of visual equipment the past year was nearly fourteen hundred dollars.

Because of increases in production costs, postal rates, and overall operating expenses, we were compelled to discontinue some of our discounts, and to reduce the discounts to pastors from twenty to ten per cent.

There is real cause for pride in the quality of the personnel we have been able to secure to carry on the work in the book and supply house. James Furbay as Manager is responsible for the operation of this department.

Alice Wagner has more recently joined the staff. Coming from a background of training and experience in religious education, she is providing guidance in the selection and use of materials. The book store serves in a definitely religious educational function our Friends homes and meetings. Such services have greatly increased since the coming of Alice Wagner to this work.

Public Relations And Publicity

In order to be better able to meet competition in our field, we have needed not only to provide good quality in content and appearance of our publications, but also to do more in the way of publicity and promotion. There seems to have been a real need in the local meetings for a better understanding of our purposes and principles back of our publications, and also of the large amount of work which goes into them.

A start has been made in the development of a motion picture film and of slide sets telling the story of how our publications are prepared, edited, printed, sent out and used in meetings and homes. These are being loaned to Yearly Meetings who in turn will circulate them among local meetings for use in workers' conferences and other gatherings. Picture posters have also been prepared for use at conferences.

We welcome the opportunity of presenting our work and publications at workers conferences in local meetings, quarterly meetings, and in yearly meetings.

The American Friend

If we can judge by the comments coming from readers of *The American Friend* the appreciation for our journal has steadily increased.

During the past five yeras a new cover and general change of type and titles had added attractiveness to its pages. In alternate issues the Mission Board presents a special page regarding our mission work. In other issues the Peace and Public Morals boards together with the Social Order Committee carry a page relating to their work.

The Sunday School lessons prepared by Russell E. Rees, the devotional page by William W. Clark, and the poetry as selected by E. Merrill Root have received appreciative comments. These pages call also for our appreciation to these three Friends for voluntary service well done.

Correspondents abroad have been appointed and they furnish regular or occasional news of Friends in their respective areas. George H. Gorman is writing "Reflections from London," in which the life and thought of English Friends is reviewed, together with news from Europe in general, as reflected in the thinking of English Friends.

Adam H. Flatter, in Jamaica, Mildred E. White in Palestine and Dorothy S. Pitman in Africa are our correspondents in those fields. Their reports carry lively accounts of Friendly affairs.

The Circulation

The circulation reached a new high level during the War as Meetings and individuals sent subscriptions to men in Civilian Public Service and in the armed forces. With demobilization subscriptions naturally declined sharply. This has not stopped entirely as a steady decline has continued. This loss may be partly accounted for in the necessary advance in the subscription cost to three dollars, or fifty per cent above the previous price.

A renewed effort in promotion promises some increase in subscriptions at the present time.

Toward More Adequate Support

In order to undergird *The American Friend* with a better financial support, we suggest the development of a Fellowship of Friends of *The Americain Friend* who will contribute annually $5 or $10 or more in addition to their regular subscriptions.

A Tribute to Alvin T. Coate

After thirty-seven years of service Alvin T. Coate has resigned from the Publication Board of the Five Years Meeting. Rarely could one find a Friend who has given so much of time and expense in pursuing a voluntary service for the church.

His life and work among Friends have reached far beyond his service to publications. In America and Europe he has traveled widely and with a single purpose of concern for the Society of Friends in general and the Five Years Meeting in particular.

It was he who suggested and carried through the setting up of the Isaac T. and Lida K. Johnson Memorial Lectureship. And more recently he led in the establishment of the Friends Fiduciary Corporation, of which he is now chairman. These are but a few of his services to Friends.

The Publication Board is particularly indebted to him for his wise counsel and unremitting support. As he steps from these duties, Edward A. Nusbaum, a young business man of Richmond, Indiana, steps into this vacancy in the Board.

Submitted by the Business Council of the Publication Board,

James C. Matchett, *Chairman*
F. Chase Stevenson, *Secretary*
Edward A. Nusbaum

Editorial Council:
D. Elton Trueblood
Dorothy Lloyd Gilbert
Ashton M. Otis

41. Herbert Huffman (Western), Chairman of the Committee on Ministerial Training, read a summary of the report of that Committee which is printed in full. The report was approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING

Your Committee on Ministerial Traniing submits herewith its first report to the Five Years Meeting. Appointed originally in 1944, by the Executive Committee, this Committee received its first official appointment by the Five Years Meeting at its session five years ago.

In the intervening five years a good deal of experience has been gained in the field of this Committee's work, both on the Five Years Meeting and the Yearly Meeting levels.

The work of the Five Years Meeting Committee has fallen into four distinct fields:

1. to maintain contact with ministerial students in seminaries and colleges, strengthening them with the assurance that the Five Years Meeting is interested in them, and, in instances of need to bring them help in carrying forward their programs of education;

2. to build programs of education for ministers now in service by means of retreats, refresher courses, conferences, and the preparation of written materials;

3. to carry forward a program for recruiting ministers; and

4. to serve as a clearing house of information concerning available leadership for Yearly Meetings, Friends Official Boards, Educational Institutions, and Local Meetings. In this latter service we also are enabled to assist students when they have finished their education to find placement in Friends work.

While the Committee has felt that its major responsibility lay in the field of the pastorate, it has nonetheless borne a sense of responsibiliy for the wider reaches of ministry and leadership as well. The program of the Committee on Ministerial Training during the past five years has been as follows:

1. *Contact with Ministerial Students*

The program of contact with ministerial students has been maintained most consistently in the instance of students on the seminary level throughout the country, although where informed the committee has also been careful to maintain this service with college students. During the days of Civilian Public Service lines of contact were carefully established with the men in the camps who were expecting to enter the ministry. In many instances financial help has been provided when students were in need. Such financial assistance was difficult at first due to the fact that there were no funds on which we could draw. The breach was filled, however, by interested Friends over the Five Years Meeting liberally helping such students when their need was made known. More recently, however, the new Boulder Fund has provided us with the financial reserve needed to render this service.

Another feature of this program of contact with ministerial students which we have commenced and which has been well received, has been the mission to non-Friends schools and colleges where young Friends planning to enter the ministry, are in attendance. We have been accorded the finest cooperation and hospitality in each of these instances.

2. *Program of Recruiting for the Ministry*

The committee has felt that one of the problems causing the current dearth of young people going into the ministry is that our young people do not have sufficient opportunity to see the challenge of the ministry. In meeting this problem we have developed a program of sending a capable and qualified person to our Young Friends Conferences all over the country to bring our Young Friends a challenge of the ministry as a life service and to be present at the conferences for interviews and consultations on this important matter. In this effort to bring the challenge of the ministry to our young people we have also printed an attractive and challenging pamphlet on the call to the ministry which bore the title: "Youth Ponders a Real Job." This pamphlet has had wide distribution over the Five Years Meeting and probably is known to all. A third important feature in the recruiting of ministers has included two contacts with every meeting in the Five Years Meeting requesting the names of all young people who are looking toward the ministry. The response to both of these appeals was most cooperative and encouraging.

3. *Educational Programs for In-Service Ministers*

The most significant developments in this program to date have been the "Programs of Advance" inaugurated by W. O. Mendenhall at Quaker Hill in which this committee had an initial part, and the study on the nature of the Quaker Pastorate which is now in process. These "Programs of Advance" have been carried forward in varying forms under the successive directorships of William Q. Hale and William J. Reagan at Quaker Hill. The book on Quaker pastorate began in study groups in various Yearly Meetings which culminated in a conference at Quaker Hill last May. Extensive writing is now being done by an editorial committee based on the findings of these Yearly Meetings groups and the Quaker Hill conference along with the additional research needed for preparation and publication of such a book.

4. *Information Service and Placement of Personnel*

Contacts have been made at intervals with Yearly Meeting Superintendents and Secretaries, Friends Boards, and educational institutions, concerning Friends graduating from the educational institutions of the country. Similar service has also been offered local meetings when such information has been asked for.

5. *Miscellaneous Items in the Program*

The committe has, in addition to the work indicated above, surveyed the existing Yearly Meeting programs of ministerial training, the courses of instruction in our Friends Schools and Colleges that would apply in the preparation of ministers, and scholarship and financial aids available to ministerial students in Friends Colleges.

Conclusion:

We now hold a list of 242 persons in the Five Years Meeting who have been or are now looking toward the ministry. This list includes all the persons who have come to our attention during the entire period of this committee's work. Of this list totalling 242,

43 are now in service, though not all of these have completed their education.

28 are now in school.

144 are classified as having "leanings" toward service in the ministry.

7 have abandoned plans to enter the pastoral or other professional Christian service.

11 have received their training but, according to our latest information, have not been placed in service.

5 wish to enter nursing service in our missions.

3 look toward other forms of missionary service.

2 are interested in Christian Work as Social Service Workers.

1 specifies interest as a meeting secretary.

1 has died.

Were there space and time a good deal could be said by way of plans envisioned for the extension of service by this committee. Suffice to say that the past five years have brought us some valuable experience in carrying forward this work, and the prayerful encouragement that we have received from Friends everywhere as we have endeavored to give leadership in this important work has been inspiring to us, and is, we feel, a prophecy of further important developments in the years that lie ahead.

Respectfully submitted
Herbert Huffman, *Chairman*

42. The following report of the Committee on Organization was read and approved:

Nominations for Trustees:
- For ten years
  - William C. Dennis
  - Sumner Mills
  - Isaac E. Woodard
  - Gurney Terrell
- For five years:
  - Marcus Kendall

For Treasurer:
- Edwin G. Crawford

For Assistant Treasurer:
- Edward Nusbaum

The following were named to serve on the Committee for Aged Ministers and Missionaries:

- Percy Thomas
- Elizabeth Hazard
- Ernest Lamb
- Lubey Casey
- James A. Coney

For Committee on Evangelism and Church Extension:
- Murray Johnson
- Isaac Harris
- Wade Dillavou
- Kenneth Pickering
- Lester Figgins
- Marion N. Hill
- Mary Hiatt
- Clio Brown
- James A. Coney

Jesse Drinen was appointed to serve as usher.

Minutes of the session were read, corrected, and approved.

The Meeting adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21, 1950
7:30 P. M.

43. The Clerk convened the meeting, and Lawrence Peery, Secretary of Young Friends Department, Five Years Meeting, spoke briefly of the importance of the work of Young Friends. The program consisted of a dramatic presentation, "Just As the Twig is Bent," written, directed, and produced by Young Friends of Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1950
9:30 A. M.

44. In the Sunday School hour, Alexander C. Purdy (New England) spoke on great unities of the New Testament. Stress laid upon the will of God gives history a positive meaning, for God works through it toward ends that are glorious. He withdraws only to return. If we cooperate, we share in his purposes.

At the heart of the universe is a God who is love, and as his word became flesh and dwelt among us, victory over Sin and Death was wrought out. His love mastered Death and brought Immortality. Great unities like these in the conception of God's will and of Christ's mission and His resurrection, unities of human lives, of ethics, of the miracle-working power of God are the great affirmations of the New Testament.

Furnas Trueblood (Indiana) opened the morning meeting for worship by reading from the 43rd Psalm and the 4th Psalm. The choir sang, "Send Forth Thy Spirit," and Norval E. Webb, pastor of First Friends of Richmond and Clerk of the Five Years Meeting, brought a message drawn from the 11th Psalm: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" The question faces us today. Advancing with Christ, the real task comes when the ways of righteousness are challenged on every hand. It is easy for the righteous to withdraw, to contemplate the ideal, to become observers of the passing parade, critics of the situation, to flee from hardships and real conflict. It is temptation to the church, to the Society of Friends, to take a place in the world on the world's own terms, and take on the tone of the parade itself.

Yet the Psalmist had an answer: "In the Lord do I take refuge." By retreat to God, the righteous man may gain strength, may be equipped to go out and make an impact upon life, to take his place in the march of life. He will make the discovery that in the blessed fellowship there is strength. Like the early Christian, he is driven by strife into fellowship and prepared by it to go out again and make an impact upon the world.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1950
2:30 P. M.

At 2:30, Elbert Russell (North Carolina) delivered the third Isaac T. and Lida K. Johnson Lecture. In his introductory remarks, Alvin T. Coate introduced Marvin Johnson and Howard B. Thorne, nephews of Isaac and Lida Johnson, and referred to the two previous lectures. Elbert Russell's lecture entitled "Friends at Mid-Century," is available in printed form.

Elbert Russell cited those qualities inherent in Quakerism which have contributed to its survival and discussed its fitness to meet the problems of today: "Friends stand practically alone as a religious denomination in holding that the Christian experience can and should take away the occasion of all war," he said. They have carried the spirit of constructive goodwill and of conciliation, and they have developed the techniques of conciliation; the mission now is to give the message, to teach the techniques rather than to do the work of reconstruction.

But how are we to pass on the message to our neighbors and our children? Two things are needed: increase in numbers and strengthening of leadership. We must rely on homes, on meetings, and on our Quaker colleges for the development of leaders. Elbert Russell stressed the great importance of Quaker teachers and of the intensification of Quakerism in Friends colleges. He closed by comparing the strength of modern Quakerism with that of the movement beginning three hundred years ago and with that of the church at the end of the first Christian century. "Let us remember that the arm of God is not shortened, and Jesus Christ is the same today as he was yesterday and that He will be forever."

Many Friends attended a tea held at Quaker Hill late Sunday afternoon.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1950
7:30 P. M.

Orval H. Cox, Minister of the Friends Meeting in Marshalltown, Iowa, presided at the 7:30 session. He read a part of the 6th Chapter of Isaiah and the reading was followed by a period of prayer and meditation.

Harold Tollefson explained the movement called the "Spiritual Advance with Christ through the Church," tracing briefly the history of the establishment of Yearly Meetings and the Five Years Meeting and the influence of great personalities. The light of God is reflected across the years in terms of lives.

The Spiritual Advance comes now as a challenge to carry forward the message of Quakerism in this age. It is not to be considered as a program, but as a movement, the stirring of the love of God and the love of man. He described the publications already prepared for the use of meetings, listed objectives, and urged Friends to accept the responsibility of working them out together that we may go forward.

R. Ernest Lamb spoke on the subject, "Building the Church Through Evangelism and Extension." It is essential that we get a clear view of what the Lord would have us see, that we hear the still small voice eager to impart power, to lead us in paths of service, and to endue us with new faith and courage. These sessions must not fail to provide guidance, for many Friends look to us.

Ernest Lamb suggested personal evangelism, fellowship evangelism, use of publications, radio, television, the consolidation of small meetings, the sale of unused properties for the benefit of growing meetings, fuller participation in missionary enterprises, training of potential leaders in Friends Secondary Schools and summer camps, a men's movement comparable to the United Society of Friends Women, Christian stewardship, and more adequate financial support of the whole program of the Five Years Meeting as contributing to an active program of evangelism and outreach.

The meeting adjourned.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1950
10:00 A. M.

45. The meeting convened according to adjournment and entered into a period of silent worship.

Minutes for Charles Ball's spiritual message given on Saturday morning, the Saturday night program, and the summary of services held on Sunday were read and approved.

46. The Clerk welcomed Imre Domonkos, Oberlin Monthly Meeting; Byron Osborne, Dean of Cleveland Bible College, and Hendricks Osborne, both of Ohio Yearly Meeting; Harriett B. Woodward, who came with a Minute from Salem, New Jersey, Monthly Meeting of Friends; and James F. Walker of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, new secretary of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, American Section, and the Friends Fellowship Council.

47. Discussion of the topic "Building the Church through Evangelism and Extension" was opened by John Compton (Indiana), David Stanfield (Wilmington) and Glenn A. Reece (Western). They spoke of evangelism as a concern, a sensitiveness to conditions of others. The aim of evangelism is to center attention and exert every effort to bring men into the family of the Meeting, into the family of God. Gurney Binford (Japan) spoke of bringing light into men's hearts, and Byron Osborne (Ohio) of maintaining friendliness and goodwill toward one another. George A. Walton (Philadelphia General Meeting) briefly discussed efforts for growth made through First Day Schools and through the search for seekers or "tender souls." The obstacles are the worldliness of

socity and the habitual attitude on the part of people who wish things would stay as they have been.

Juan Guzman (Cuba Yearly Meeting) spoke with May M. Jones as interpreter: Christ is the Gospel—convincing, regenerating, giving each generation more adequate interpretations of the truth of God for the individual and for society. There must be evangelism to keep alive the membership of the Christian Church and to promote growth. Now we understand as never before that evangelization must accompany the work of the local church. Kenneth Eichenberger (Iowa) said that what we need is to restore the emphasis on the Holy Spirit to our ministry, for we have lost our passion for lost men. Imre Domonkos described work with students in a college community and their interest in the work of the Service Committee at clothing center collections and camps, which often serves to bring students into the Friends Meeting. Clayton Terrell (Wilmington) spoke of the necessity that evangelism embrace the whole man. Henry Smith Leiper emphasized the point that the Christian enterprise lacks appeal because it is too localized in its approach. The sense of worldwide fellowship is lacking in many churches; we start too often with particulars and obscure the universal.

Edward F. Raiford (Baltimore) introduced into the sessions the idea of serendipity; i. e., looking for something and finding something else. Perhaps in seeking to promote growth by evangelism, what we find is another function of Quakerism—the leaven in the whole lump. Orval Dillon (North Carolina) paid tribute to persons not ordinarily called evangelists—public school teachers; and in closing the discussion, Alvin T. Coate (Western) urged better local organization, the bringing of young people into official responsibilities, and the development of collective statesmanship.

The minutes of the morning session were read and accepted.

48. The hymn, "Lead On O King Eternal" was sung at the opening of the devotional period.

Murray C. Johnson (Indiana) brought a message based upon Matthew 5:13, 14 and Acts 8:1, 2, developing points of likeness between early Christians and early Quakers who had the same great experience of the discovery of God and felt the same great results as they lost fear and uncertainty and were filled with power. "Oh Lord, make it happen again with us who are now members." Always the source of the achievements of the Society of Friends lies in the spiritual experience which precedes them. The Advance must begin with a rediscovery of God. We need a great experience of faith, an all inclusive spirit of love that draws others into the fellowship of the church. Having had the experience, we must put it to work.

The meeting adjourned to meet again at 2:00 o'clock.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1950

2:00 P. M.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

49. The Clerk asked that the meeting bear Donald Mott and Roy Knight in mind as we worship together. These young men are probably on trial this afternoon in Sioux City, Iowa, for continued non-registration. They are bearing a testimony to our fundamental beliefs in non-violence and liberty of conscience.

50. It was suggested that a letter of love be sent to Friends now leaving Alabama for Costa Rica, with the prayer that they may mean to that country what Friends first coming here meant to America. The meeting approved.

51. F. Chase Stevenson (Indiana) gave the following report of the Committee on Pensions:

REPORT OF THE PENSION COMMITTEE

I. *Progress to Date*

The Retirement Plan was adopted five years ago.

The first Retirement contract was issued January 2, 1946.

As of September 20, 1950, participation totals are as follows:

$163,655.00 Life Ins. in 33 contracts—income provided	$ 1,636.55
Annuities, 22 contracts, monthly income provided	$ 951.26
Total monthly income provided—55 contracts	$ 2,587.81
Maturity cash value of all contracts	$395,443.67
Total annual premiums	$ 10,452.84

II. *Cost of Operating the Retirement Plan*

In presenting the Plan for approval at the 1945 session of the Five Years Meeting the Committee estimated an annual committee expense of approximately $1,500.

Our actual annual expenses, from April 1st to March 31st, have been as follows:

1st year	$1,174.64	3rd year	$1,009.27
2nd year	$1,038.25	4th year	$1,122.32
This year—to date	$641.03	Estimated total	$1,250.00

III. *Savings in Premiums, Greater Than Cost of Caring for Plan*

The Committee is happy to be able to say, however, that the above expense has been more than offset from the beginning by an annual saving to Participants and their Employing Organizations. At the present time, this annual saving in premiums amounts to approximately $3,875.09. This saving has been accomplished by underwriting the retirement contracts on the basis that no one is paid a commission.

IV. *Participation Increases*

Participation in the Plan is increasing steadily. Six have been enrolled since April 1, 1950. While we feel that many more should have enrolled by this time, we are confident that participation will continually increase until the majority of those who are eligible will be included.

V. *Our Retirement Plan is Adequate*

The Plan as adopted has proven to be adequate to care for the various changes in employment from one Meeting to another, withdrawal from participation, etc. We believe the basic provisions adopted are good and adequate.

VI. *Amendments Approved*

Two minor amendments, however, have been made, as provided by Article Thirteen, of the Retirement Plan. They are as follows:

Amendment No. 1—Effective April 29, 1947

To Article Three—Eligibility, Paragraph (e) was changed to (f) and a new Paragraph (e) made to read—"Any member of the Society of Friends employed in religious work and especially approved by the Pension Committee."

Amendment No. 2—Effective Sept. 30, 1947

To Article Twelve—Suspense Fund, was added the following provision—"An Employing Organization having seven or more Participants shall participate to the extent of 75% in such portion of the proceeds of the contracts of such Participants which, under the Plan, would go to the Suspense Fund. This provision to be taken into consideration in any future allocation of the Suspense Fund."

VII. *The Problem of Increasing Participation*

Our greatest problem is to reach, by personal contact, those who should participate. We believe that the efforts of your Committee should be supplemented by the appointment of a Yearly Meeting Pension Committee in every Yearly Meeting, charged specifically with promoting participation within that Yearly Meeting. Participation has been greatest where such committees have been appointed and have been active.

Many of those who should participate in the Plan have felt that they could not afford their portion of the premium. We suggest that the cases of eligible persons who are not participating be considered by the Yearly Meeting Pension Committee in each Yearly Meeting with a view to determining whether, in some cases, an effort should not be made to give them the necessary help.

VIII. *Our Concern*

The Committee feels a very deep concern that all Monthly, Quarterly, and Yearly Meetings and all other Employing Organizations within the Five Years Meeting be mindful of the fact that many of those qualified to participate in our Retirement Plan could earn more in other types of employment and, at the same time, would qualify for Social Security Benefits and would, in many fields, also have group insurance and other retirement benefits.

We feel that every employing agency within the Five Years Meeting should give serious consideration to the question as to whether or not it has done all that it can to make it possible for everyone in its employ who qualifies, and who desires to do so, to look forward to the benefits available through your Retirement Plan.

The Pension Committee
WILLIAM C. DENNIS
HERBERT S. HUFFMAN
JOHN J. HARAMY
HADLEY KELSEY
F. CHASE STEVENSON

In response to questions, Chase Stevenson said that persons employed by Friends educational institutions might participate and that participation was possible without having a pension committee set up in each Yearly Meeting. Luby Casey (North Carolina) stressed the importance of an active Yearly Meeting committee which will urge ministers and meetings to take part in the pension plan.

The report was approved.

52. Murray C. Johnson (Indiana) briefly outlined the work of the Committee on Evangelism during the five years.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Since the Five Years Meeting sessions of 1945 there has been little change in the personnel of our committee. Percy M. Thomas, who served for a time as Secretary and field worker, resigned and accepted the call to the pastorate at Plainfield, Indiana. Adam H. Flatter has gone to Jamaica for service in that Yearly Meeting. He continues as a corresponding member.

Two names have been added to the committee in their places—Wade Dillavou of Iowa Yearly Meeting and Clifton Warren of Wilmington Yearly Meting. The others who are still serving as members are Murray C. Johnson of Indiana, Chairman, George Scherer of Indiana, Homer G. Biddlecum of Indiana, Frederick E. Carter of North Carolina, James A. Coney of New England and Glenn A. Reece of Western.

In line with the practice of former years, the committee has scheduled available Friends who have a concern for fellowship and gospel ministry for visitation. While serving as secretary to the committee, Percy M. Thomas itinerated in a preaching mission in Baltimore and New England Yearly Meetings. He also attended meetings of the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches and represented Friends of the Five Years Meeting in interdenominational relationships relating to evangelism.

R. Ernest Lamb is now traveling among meetings of the Five Years Meeting in fellowship and gospel ministry. His service is being gratefully received by Friends everywhere. Several meetings are asking him to return for more extended service. The Committee on Evangelism is now planning with Ernest Lamb for a continued ministry in our meetings. Before starting on his visitation in America, he visited in England and Ireland on a similar concern. His service among us has thereby linked us with Friends elsewhere and deepened our sense of fellowship with them.

Besides the field work sponsored by this committee, there have also been conferences of Yearly Meeting Superintendents and Secretaries held, for the purpose of an exchange on problems and plans. Perhaps this initial leadership of the committee is responsible for the established annual meetings of these yearly meeting leaders who, by themselves, are finding great joy and fellowship in their meetings.

The Committee on Evangelism and Church Extension is also planning a small conference of representative Friends from our yearly meetings to consider, define and plan for a deepened and enlarged evangelism.

The plans for the Advance in the meetings of the Five Years Meeting lay special responsibilities upon this committee. We shall make every effort to play our part in this movement being launched for the next five years.

Believing that only in Christ is the redemption of men and civilization, we shall give our time and efforts to the larger evangelism.

As opportunity affords, we urge Friends to unite their efforts with those of other churches in community-wide and world-wide programs for the advancement of the kingdom of Christ.

On behalf of the Committee,

MURRAY C. JOHNSON, *Chairman*

Appreciation for the work of R. Ernest Lamb as minister at large was expressed by George A. Badgley (New York) and Charles O. Whitely (Iowa).

Murray Johnson explained that Ernest Lamb would work in the Five Years Meeting in accord with the wishes of meetings as the Advance Movement progresses.

The report was approved.

53. Norman Young (Western) read the report of the Stewardship Committee and called attention to literature useful in the work of the committee.

The report was approved.

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

In presenting this report we wish first to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation for one who was with us at the beginning of this five year period but has been removed from our midst by death. William J. Sayers' interest in the field of Christian Stewardship was evident in the many years he gave to carrying out these teachings in his own life and in spreading this gospel to others.

During the past five years a rapid increase has been evident in the field of Stewardship. The great increase in the flow of money during and since the war has brought a keener sense of responsibility in this area. A comparatively new organization, "The National Stewardship Institute" has come into being with the very worthy aim of bringing to every person in America a real sense of responsibility in the field of philanthropy. It is practical in its methods and emphasizes new insights which are gripping the hearts and minds of people everywhere in regard to this area of life.

With this in mind we feel there is before us now an unprecedented opportunity in Christian Stewardship. We are grateful for the efforts put forth to get people to share their possessions with others in need and our great concern must be to put "Christian" in front of these efforts and so extend them to include all of life. In this connection there has been a new conception of our opportunities in the United Stewardship Council, of which we are members along with twenty-eight other Protestant denominations. The trend is definitely to get the laymen of the church to carry the active part in this program. To Friends, of course, this has particular meaning since we have always insisted on the work of the Monthly Meeting being done by all its members.

We want to emphasize the need for EVERY MEMBER to come to a new realization of the importance and scope of Christian Stewardship.

In most of our Yearly Meetings Stewardship Committees are at work carrying the message to their Quarterly and local Meetings. One of the deep concerns of the committee at the Five Years Meeting level has been as to how best to serve these committees with materials with which to further their work. There is constant call for literature of all kinds in this field and there is an abundance of such material now coming from a fine group of our sister denominations. While we can and do highly recommend these publications there has always been a need felt for literature of our own which has a Quaker flavor to it. We sincerely believe that Friends should be able to realize the deepest understanding of the total Stewardship of life and the need for this conviction to be expressed in readable form has formed the basis for the attempt which is now being made.

On the display table are copies of the first of our four leaflets which are contemplated to be issued within the next year. Its title, "A Way to Victorious Living" indicates the approach of this "Christian Stewardship of All of Life" conception. This first leaflet deals generally with the subject and subsequent leaflets will deal with specific areas of Stewardship.

We feel that it will be helpful to indicate in this report some general trends in Stewardship recently which may give us some idea of the way in which we are going. We cannot, of course, report in figures on the amount of new understanding regarding our responsibilities which has manifested itself in many points in our meetings—though there are such evidences. One area, however, where we can get some idea is in what has happened to our money. We realize here also that statistics are not always to be relied upon, of themselves, to reflect the true condition. They always need to be interpreted and to bear the proper relation to other things which cannot be reduced to a statistical table. However, certain tendencies are so evident that the figures show clearly that what we may have suspected has taken place. Without quoting specific figures then let us look at what those figures distinctly show. With our great increase in total receipts which has been evident in every American home in the past several years our proportionate giving to the church has sharply decreased. Let us put it another way. While as members of the church we have received, on the average, larger incomes, our giving to the work of the church has not kept pace. We have refrained from the use of any exaggerated terms and suggest that each one of us make a matter of careful examination in our own affairs.

It seems probable that the beginning of the publication of the literature above referred to may lead to other ways in which the Stewardship Committee may be of help to local meetings in the future.

JOHN COMPTON, *Chairman*
NORMAN E. YOUNG, *Secretary*

54. A partial report of the Committee on Organization was read and accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

Names were brought forward to serve on the new United Board (uniting the Peace, Public Morals, and Social Order) as follows:

Baltimore—Mary Moorman White
California—John R. Spitler
Canada—Fred Haslam
Indiana—Fred Smith

Iowa—Arthold Latham
Nebraska—Lyman Platt
New England—Russell L. Brooks
New York—Robert Rumsey
North Carolina—Samuel Levering
Western—Sumner Mills
Wilmington—Ethel Wall
Cuba—Miguel A. Tamayo
Jamaica—Allen Jacobs
Mexico—Francisco E. Estrello
East Africa—Benjamin Ngaira

The Committee members appointed from other countries may find it difficult to attend committee meetings but it is hoped that they be kept in close touch through correspondence.

Those appoined on the Committee on Ministerial Training:

Herbert Huffman
Merle L. Davis
Donald Spitler
William E. Berry
Floyd Moore
Charles Ball
John Harvey
Jesse Stanfield
Alexander Purdy

Boards were instructed to meet, organize, and report organization.

The minutes were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1950
8:00 P. M.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

55. The Clerk recognized Thurl Metzger, a member of the Church of the Brethren.

56. Sumner A. Mills (Western) presided at this session and after a song by William Murphy (California) introduced Lewis M. Hoskins, member of Oregon Yearly Meeting and the recently appointed Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee.

As Lewis Hoskins discussed the subject, "Building the Church through Impact on Social Issues," he spoke of the diversity of concerns which come to the deeply dedicated Christian in missionary effort, in the various occupations of daily life, and in public service. Challenges face us today in national policy, in human relationships in America and abroad, in concerns at the United Nations level; and the deeply dedicated Christian can be individually significant as a proponent of peace and understanding, of integrity and dignity of the individual, of faith in moral and spiritual values.

Various agencies of the Society of Friends provide the outlet or the outreach for such persons. Through all of the activities run the common elements: diversity, an experimental attitude, maturing experience, adherence to the testimonies of the Society of Friends, service to physical and spiritual needs of the suffering, and the spirit of reconciliation. If we set about building the Church through social impact, we can effectively meet many of the challenges of our day, both political and social.

Clarence E. Pickett, Honorary Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, spoke of opportunities opening to the Society of Friends in many countries, opportunities to what seems to be important service. "We still live in an expanding world," he said, "yet in a sense our world is closing in. Who does not feel troubled about increase of tax for military purposes, the drafting of boys for service, the manufacture of articles which will have military use, the required oaths?" Processes of the totalitarian state begin to emerge over the horizon.

It helps to see whether there is guidance in the experience of Jesus. What would his second mile look like in our circumstances? Suppose that we should go into a needy country to help the people to improve their standard of living—suppose that we asked Russia to assist. There must be something to break through the curtain each country builds. We have not tried as Christians to get at our enemies. Lose thy enemy by loving him. Don't waste time talking about defeating Communism; live Christianity in a definite, concrete way. The little drops of love in an ocean of bitterness have amazing results. There are already small Quaker influences in Russia due to the lives of such men as Daniel Wheeler and Harry Timbres; but we ought not to be satisfied with small gestures. Things can be done hopefully that affect the course of history. If we are intelligent, simple, direct, dedicated, we can make this business of the Kingdom the business of our lives. Let us become completely over-whelmed by what we could accomplish in the providence of God.

57. The meeting adjourned to meet at 10:00 a. m. on Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1950
10:00 A. M.

58. The meeting convened according to adjournment and entered into a period of meditation and prayer.

The minutes for the devotional period on Monday and the session Monday night were read and approved.

59. Joseph Karshner and James Vail, of Philadelphia, were recognized.

60. Stanley Hamilton (Indiana) briefly described the growth of the Rural Life Association, emphasizing the introduction of courses connected with rural life in colleges, the placement service and projects for the future. Raymond Wilson, of the F. C. N. L., spoke briefly of the functions of the Friends Committee on National Legislation: providing information, arranging conferences, interviewing members of Congress and others, assisting in questions connected with the United Nations, upholding the rights of conscience, and opposing issues of conscription.

61. E. Raymond Wilson, Executive Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, Fred Haslam (Canada) and Murray S. Kenworthy (Western) composed the panel which opened the discussion of the topic, "The Impact on Social Issues." Fred Haslam made a plea that Friends think in advance of history as Woolman once did. Raymond Wilson outlined the tasks facing us: those of developing a world system in which disarmament is possi-

ble under law, providing agents of meditation, giving economic aid and technical assistance, moving toward abolition of war. "Our stand in peace and war would be much easier," he said, "if we were moving faster toward the abolition of war." Murray S. Kenworthy traced the long history of failure in casting out war by preparing to wage war. "We will have to realize the possibility of loving our enemies. If our faith faint not, we shall accomplish good ends."

Truths we accept are that there is something of good in every man and that war is wrong, not only because of suffering, but also because it blunts the divinity of man. Propositions which follow are these: First, we do not live in a black and white world; while communism contains elements we abhor, to many people in Asia it represents a movement toward social change; second, there is not the freedom of speech in America today that there was ten years ago. It is fear and hate that have lessened free speech in America. The democracy that we do enjoy has been the result of the efforts of dedicated people.

Elfrida Foulds (London) spoke: I feel impelled to ask a question. Daniel Wheeler was called to the study of agriculture long before the opportunity came for his service so that he was qualified then. Have we got the 100% consciousness of Divine guidance that Daniel Wheeler had? Are we prepared to accept guidance when we cannot see the way? Do we ask "How, Lord?" or "Where Lord?" or do we say "So be it! Lord." On our answer, our progress may well depend.

Arthur Roberts (Kansas) spoke: It is our function to meet individual need and radiate into social need, following somewhat the pattern of Gandhi and Kagawa. In the search to make the impact of Christ felt, our social message must not be divorced from the message of the salvation of Jesus Christ. Gurney Binford (Japan) quoted Kakawa as saying that the new constitution abrogating war was made because the occupying forces gave the Japanese people an opportunity to make the constitution they wanted.

Katherine E. Cook (New York) asked the question: Last night Clarence Pickett gave us a challenge to support a great project in India; are we going to take that up? Elmer H. Brown (California) made the last contribution to the discussion. "We must speak out in the spirit of Jesus, restate our opposition to military force, but we must also make homes and meetings and colleges places that prepare children to walk the ways of peace. I hope we may answer the question Katherine Cook just raised."

Raymond Wilson summarized the discussion and closed it by saying: "We must develop a Friends' testimony that begins to be adequate in the day in which we live."

62. At the opening of the devotional period, James A. Coney (New England) led the meeting in the singing of "We Would be Building."

Miriam Levering (North Carolina) used Acts 4:19-25 as her theme: "Whether it is right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto God, judge ye; for we cannot but speak the things we saw and heard." Peter and John could have remained silent, but they had the courage to speak out and they have taught us of a God who demands moral action. If we lack boldness, it is because we have not been enough with Jesus. Men speak out in good plain words, in quiet action, in the building of cooptrative communities, in aiding in the work of the Service Committee, in living their belief in brotherhood.

There are three essentials: to ask, to seek or study, and to knock or act. But without the experience so obtained, how can a person speak? Peter and John spoke of the things they saw and heard. When we have experience and knowledge, we cannot but speak out. "Here am I, Lord, send me. There is no other way."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1950
2:00 P. M.

The meeting assembled according to adjournment.

63. The Clerk recognized the following visiting Friends: Robert Pyle, Philadelphia; Lester Haworth, Treasurer of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, American

Section, and the Friends Fellowship Council; and Lawrence and Effie Linton, Ohio Yearly Meeting. Visitors from Kansas Yearly Meeting expressed their sincere appreciation for the hearty welcome extended them during these days of inspiration and fellowship. The Clerk expressed the feeling of the meeting that we have been blessed by the presence and the contribution of groups and individuals who have come to have fellowship with us.

64. The names of the following Friends who were nominated by the Yearly Meeting delegations to the Board on Education were read, and their appointment was approved:

Baltimore — Theodate Wilson
California — Robert Cope
Canada — Stirling Nelson
Indiana — D. Elton Trueblood
Iowa — Charles Ball
Jamaica — Kenneth Crooks
Nebraska — Ora W. Carrell
New England — Alexander C. Purdy
New York — William W. Clark
North Carolina — Clyde A. Milner
Western — Homer J. Coppock
Wilmington — Howard Thorne

65. William Merton Scott (Indiana) spoke briefly of the new board to be formed by the Board of Public Morals, the Peace Board, and the Committee on Social Order, and suggested the areas of work which it hoped to consider: race relations, Friends' relationship to economics, prison reform, concerns of the Peace Board, and the Board on Public Morals.

Merton Scott presented a statement on the peace testimony. General approval was given, and after discussion of implications and of wording, the group which formulated it was asked to edit it in the light of the comments made, and to submit it at a later session.

66. The report of the Peace Board was accepted.

THE REPORT OF THE PEACE BOARD OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS 1945-1950

The fateful five years covered by this report are marked by the close of World War II, the birth and growth of the United Nations, and the increasing tensions between the United States and the Soviet Union which bring us to the brink of a possible World War III. During this period the Peace Board has been building a program which tries to meet more effectively its responsibilities in peace education. The areas of work of the Peace Board as set forth in the discipline are: (1) Stimulation of commitment to the Spirit which produces in men the quality of life known as the peace testimony. (2) Study of the implications of the peace testimony and present action programs which will build peaceful relationships and prevent international warfare.

These years opened with the closing months of Civilian Public Service and the work of Robert Shattuck, a joint Civilian Public Service and Peace Board field man, working from this office After the close of his work in the fall of 1946, the Peace Board brought Wilmer Cooper into the field for visitation to the Yearly Meetings during the summer of 1947. He was succeeded by Merton Scott in October of 1947. Samuel R. Levering has presided as chairman of the Peace Board during this entire period.

Visitation

In these five years, a Secretary of the Peace Board has visited every constituent Yearly Meeting of the Five Years Meeting within the United States and Canada. This program has been intensified and during the part three years, 225 monthly meetings and quarterly meetings have been visited. This visitation has included many lectures and sermons to Young Friends conferences and summer camps, pastor's short courses, Friends colleges, and Yearly Meeting sessions.

Conferences

The Peace Board has sponsored and co-sponsored many conferences, on the local, regional, and national levels. These have been one day, week-end, and week-long conferences. Several of these were sponsored jointly with other Friends agencies, the American Friends Service Committee, the Friends Committee on National Legislation, other peace groups of Yearly Meetings, the Historic Peace Churches and interdenominational groupings. Often assistance has been given to Yearly Meetings sponsoring conferences of various types.

Counselling

The passage of peace-time selective service has brought many problems into the lives of young Friends of draft age who have been faced with establishing their claims as conscientious objectors under the law and those who for conscience sake can not cooperate with the law. The Counselling and Information Service of the Board has been of assistance to many of these young Friends both in personal counselling, in contacts with local draft boards and the national headquarters of Selective Service and by supplying counsellors with factual information regarding the law and regulations. The secretary has cooperated with the National Service Board for Religious Objectors in a consultative capacity. The increasing pressures of militarization and manpower shortages make this service of greater value and will require more time and resources in the near future.

Publications

A vital part of the program of the Board has been its publications, beginning with an action manual "How Can Our Peace Committee Help Build Peace" which is valuable for local meeting committees. A Peace Calendar which was produced early in the period has been revised and used by many Yearly Meetings. There have been many pamphlets and leaflets, such as "Alternative to Chaos," "A Call to Peace Action," "Christian Conscience and the State," "The Law of God and the Statutes of Men," "The Conscientious Objector Under the Selective Service Act of 1948," and "Mankind Awaits Your Decision." These materials and others purchased from other sources have been contributed to the Young Friends program service. A Peace Action Projects Folder was compiled and distributed to many local peace committees. A newsletter entitled *Summary* has attempted to bring to individuals and peace committees pertinent and timely information of value in interpreting the world scene. A monthly page "On Christian Frontiers" is contributed to the *American Friend*. A specialized loan library is available for use by Friends.

A Channel for Friends Peace Education

The Peace Board serves as a channel of expression of Friends peace testimony to others. It has made contacts with and been associated with many national groups, such as the Department of International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches, Consultative staff committee of Friends agencies, the Consultative Peace Council, and the Department of State. For eight years the Board has sponsored the national contest of the Inter-collegiate Peace Speech Association.

Again, the Peace Board serves as a channel for bringing these broader contacts to members of the Society of Friends. A continuous effort has been made to expand and increase the effectiveness of the peace education programs of the Yearly Meetings. A contribution has been made to the cooperative efforts of the boards and committees of the Five Years Meeting in the Volunteer Service Council and the Friends Advance for Christ and His Kingdom.

Increasingly Friends must understand the needs of men in the world. Then to the task of meeting those needs, they must bring dedicated spirits and lives, transformed by obedience to the Spirit of Christ. God calls Christians of our day to an unprecedented achievement in the relationships between men and nations. Let the Five Years respond with love and wisdom.

SAMUEL LEVERING, *Chairman*
WM. MERTON SCOTT, *Secretary*

67. The reading clerk read the following report from the Committee on Social Order. The report was approved.

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL ORDER COMMITTEE

This committee was organized in 1945 with Milton Hadley as chairman. He was succeeded in 1948 by David E. Henley. The work of the Committee in the past five years has involved three areas. (1) Leadership for Young Friends summer camps (2) Publications (3) Participation in conferences.

I. *Supplying leadership for Young Friends summer camps.* This work has attempted to place a member of the Social Order Committee in every Young Friends summer camp to supply resource leadership in thinking on the problems in the areas involved in the work of the committee. The ministry of Clarence Cunningham in this field of visitation has been receved with special apprecation.

II. *Publications.* The most important publication of the Committee was the small leaflet "Quakers Pioneer in Social Work," a quiz and a program combination. This was followed by number one in a proposed series of Young Friends Social Order lessons which was entitled "Let's Do Something," a community survey. Articles have been supplied for the Bible School Quarterlies and the *American Friend.* Four letters to pastors of the Five Years Meeting were sent out in a series. Accompanying one of these was a series of Social Order sermon outlines.

III. *Participation in Conferences.* Both of the conferences on the Church and Economic Life which were called by the Federal Council of Churches were attended by representatives of the Social Order Committee. The chairman took active part in the meeting of Quaker Economists and in the production of the booklet which reports the findings of this conference.

The Social Order Committee commends to the department of the new board further study activities in fields of Friends relationship to economics, race relations, and prison reform as being consistent with Friends testimonies and concerns through the past years.

DAVID E. HENLEY, *Chairman*

68. Russell Rees (Western) read a report of the Business Committee recommending the rejecting of the offer of Quaker Hill. Full and detailed discussion followed in which these questions and others were discussed: earlier considerations of the Committee appointed in 1945; the responsibility of turning down such an offer; the cost of remodeling an old residence vs. that of building a new building; the site of the new office building; the functions of Quaker Hill; the relation to the terms of the agreement with the Quaker Hill Foundation; the effect of the location on the business of the book store; the suitability of the house for an office building; the accessibility of Quaker Hill; the continued use of the old office at South Eighth Street; the sale of portions of the land for the benefit of a building fund; income from the hostel; the possibility of cooperative building.

These issues emerged: (1) Can we raise the money for a new building? (2) Is there sufficient support in the Five Years Meeting and in the Men's Movement to justify the venture? (3) Will the offices be located at Quaker Hill or downtown? (4) Can we use the old residence at Quaker Hill, clearly not suitable for an office, as a hostel?

Florence Emma Peery (Western) made the first pledge, Edward F. Raiford (Baltimore) the second; Caspar Hanson (Nebraska) the third, toward the constructing of a new office building.

The report was laid on the table. Marcus Kendall said, "We can make the Five Years Meeting live by our decision in this matter. Let us make it a matter of prayer."

69. The recommendation of the Business Committee on the communication from New York Yearly Meeting was accepted, referring this concern of New York Yearly Meeting on the revision of Faith and Practice to the new Reference Committee on the Discipline. (Minute 22)

70. At the request of Glenn Switzer (California), Ernest Lamb presented the following report on the Men's Extension Movement of the Five Years Meeting of Friends. Organization and nominations were approved.

MEN'S EXTENSION MOVEMENT OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS

Some 200 men, representative of the Five Years Meeting fellowship, met for dinner at Earlham College, L. Glenn Switzer of California presiding.

Reports of service by Men's organizations in building churches, summer camps and other projects, were given by J. Parker Cosand and Donald B. Spitler of California; Arthold Latham of Iowa; Ray McCracken of Indiana; George Cassell of Western and Clayton Terrell of Wilmington. Leonard Hall, Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, spoke from the standpoint of Young Friends.

A suggestion that the men now organize on a Five Years Meeting basis was heartily approved and a committee appointed to select names of Friends to serve as its officers.

This committee met and is united in presenting the following plan:

1. That all Yearly Meetings on the American continent, affiliated with the Five Years Meeting, be represented on the initial corps of officers.
2. That a president and two vice presidents be appointed representing the East, Mid-west and West respectively.
3. That a Secretary and Treasurer be appointed from Yearly Meetings not represented above and that six additional members of the Executive Committee be appointed from the remaining Yearly Meetings.
4. That the Yearly Meetings of East Africa, Jamaica, Cuba and Mexico be included in the Men's movement with corresponding representatives appointed.

It was felt that the matter of selecting an appropriate name, adopting a constitution and outlining a program, should be left in he care of the following officers now selected.

President		*California*
	L. Glen Switzer 1215 Del Ray Ave. Pasadena 8, California	
Vice President		*North Carolina*
	Ezra Pate 507 N. Daisy St. Goldsboro, North Carolina	
Vice President		*Iowa*
	Wallace Jackson Earlham, Iowa	
Secretary		*Western*
	Merritt Murphy Carmel, Indiana	
Treasurer		*Indiana*
	Jesse Parshall Second National Bank Richmond, Indiana	
Additional Members		
	Clayton Terrell New Vienna, Ohio	*Wilmington*
	Forrest Wheeler 223 Pleasant St. Leicester, Mass.	*New England*
	Howard Carey 387 Lafayette Ave. Brooklyn 5, N. Y.	*New York*
	Dale Benton Allen, Nebraska	*Nebraska*
	John Petrie 20 Stanhope Ave. Toronto, Ontario, Canada	*Canada*
	Emmett Frazer 4615 Sylvan Road Richmond 24, Virginia	*Baltimore*

Corresponding Representatives

Fred Kamidi, Kaimosi Secondary School
P. O. Kisumu, Kenya Colony
East Africa

Kenneth Crooks, Happy Grove School
Hectors River, Jamaica, B. W. I.

Miguel Tamayo
Banes, Oriente
Cuba
Fortunato Castillo
Hormiga 41
Mexico 14, D. F.
Mexico

The minutes of the session were read and accepted.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1950
7:30 P. M.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

71. A report of the Committee on Organization was read and approved:

The following were nominated to the Committee on Stewardship:

Glen Rinard
John Compton
Norman Young
Edward Linton
Gerald Dillon
Dovie Robinson
Ellen Robinson
James Hunter

The following were nominated to the Friends Fellowship Council:

Ruth Brinton Perera
Errol T. Elliott
R. Ernest Lamb
James Furbay
Algie Newlin
Katharine Honold

The following were nominated to the Friends Committee on National Legislation:

Alvin T. Coate
Samuel R. Levering

72. The meeting approved including reports of the Friends World Committee and the Friends Fellowship Council in the Minutes.

REPORT OF THE FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION
AMERICAN SECTION

The Religious Society of Friends has become aware during the first half of the twentieth century that it is a world wide family and that it has been given a unique place in the hopes of mankind. The Friends World Committee assists in the international cooperation of Friends in Europe, Asia and America.

In the American hemisphere, the American Section of the Friends World Committee functions as one of the links in connecting Friends here with the rest of our Quaker family. During the past five years our annual and semi-annual meetings have served as occasions when representatives from many Yearly Meetings can get together. A meeting held in April, 1949 previous to the sessions of Jamaica Yearly Meeting gave Friends a new insight into Quakerism there. Visitation by Friends from various countries helps to draw us all close together and shares our ministry.

There are various publications such as Quakerism in Switzerland and Japan, and the newest booklet being prepared on "Trends in American Quakerism" (during the last twenty-five years), which serve to link us closer together. The Round the World Quaker Letters for Children, initiated under the direction of Ruby Dowsett, aim to interpret the message and story of Quakerism. the faith from which it springs and its application to everyday life as a glorious adventure. The letters are international in character and are being written by Friends in various parts of the world. They are available for children from six to fifteen years of age.

The American Young Friends Committee, which seeks to strengthen the international associations of young Friends, has now become affiliated with our American Section.

The Friends World Conference will be held in Oxford, England, July 8 to August 6, 1952. The general theme of the Conference as proposed at present is "THE VOCATION OF FRIENDS IN THE MODERN WORLD." The number of attenders expected from this hemisphere is 450. Detailed instructions are being sent to each Yearly Meeting, as attenders are to go in a representative capacity.

The consultative relationship held by the Friends World Committee with the United Nations Economic and Social Council has been described by Elmore Jackson, our consultant, as providing many opportunities for informal service. He has been specially concerned for the questions coming before the United Nations in which Friends are particularly interested such as those related to Palestine, Indonesia, South Africa, and more recently Korea.

As we enter the second half of this century, we are conscious that our world is confronted with revolutionary conditions of life, which present us with great testings. The scope and mission of our Society through the world demands that we take a significant part in the spiritual leadership of our times.

ALEXANDER C. PURDY, *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL

The American Friends Fellowship Council provides a channel for cooperation among all groups of Friends in the United States and Canada. It encourages the ministry of visitation, it offers guidance to new Meetings, which seek a closer affiliation with other Friends' groups and it helps the members of the Wider Quaker Fellowship to feel their oneness with the Society of Friends.

The ministry of visitation is performed in a variety of ways. Friends concerned to visit across the country have been furnished with contacts, and others have been approached to visit in particular areas where their ministry is needed. Visits have been made not only to long established Meetings but to new groups just starting, as well as to individual members of the Society who are in isolated areas.

Growth and adventure are two of the dominant qualities of the new Meetings which report to the Council. Here one finds the ferment of migration at work producing the nuclei of potential Meetings that take root for growth in new places. Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Arizona are among the states where this new life in Quaker Fellowship is manifesting itself. The Meetings which have organized themselves as Monthly Meetings within the last year are Morgantown. West Virginia; New Orleans, Louisiana; Celo, North Carolina; Austin, Texas, and Miami, Florida. Twelve Meetings, which formerly reported to the Fellowship Council have now joined a Yearly Meeting. These groups need the pastoral care of all Friends and all Yearly Meetings.

The Wider Quaker Fellowship now numbers 3,700. They are persons who have been attracted by our way of life and worship. They realize, as Rufus M. Jones has said, "that the creation of a new civilization can only be built on a deeper experience of the life of God relived in the lives of men, and through the formation of a real botherhood — spirit operating between man and man." In an effort to share our thinking with these members of the Fellowship, we have sent them special pieces of literature regularly, and in some areas groups meet together with Friends.

The Fellowship Council seeks to strengthen our faith in that which undergirds and unites us. The basis of unity which we seek for our own Society is also a contribution toward the unity of mankind.

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73. The subject for the evening was "Building the Church Through Christian World Fellowship." Algie I. Newlin (North Carolina), in opening the session, spoke of the thrill of seeing a Christian world-assembly consciousness emerging at the great Ecumenical Conference at Amsterdam, and paid tribute to Elbert Russell's participation in the conferences on Faith and Order, and Life and Work, which led toward the formation of the World Council of Churches.

Algie Newlin introduced Henry Smith Leiper, Associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, who spoke on the subject, "Building the World Community Through the Christian Church." Dr. Leiper spoke of the great center of unity all churches have in Jesus Christ. In the Christian fellowship, there is a sense of world community; for Christians have a common unity strong enough to bring harmony. All of them recognize Jesus as their Lord whatever their doctrinal differences are, and all have the common purpose of bringing salvation to man. This World Council of Churches is something new—it is not a super-church on the old pattern, but a great new fact of our time, one great ground of hope for the coming days.

The philosophy which underlies it is ecumenical; that is, it concerns the whole household of faith. The keys of the fellowship are the qualities which bind members of a family together: concern for each other, communication between one another, contributions of one to the other, the conceding to each of the right to be different, the willingness to conciliate, the wish to contribute to those who are in need, and to cooperate for the common good.

Already there are evidences of the influence of the movement: in the charter of the United Nations, in the World Christian Youth gatherings and Youth Camps abroad, in the training conferences for Christians in professions and occupations, in studies of racial conflict, in studies of what keeps churches apart and what brings them together. In this century, churches are uniting, and Christians now unite in a great fellowship—all members of one body.

We cannot stay together unless we advance together. But if we use our freedom to do the will of God, we shall contribute to the upbuilding of a fellowship, a community, whose property it can be to save and to cure a sick and divided world.

Alexander C. Purdy (New England), Chairman of the Friends World Committee for Consultation, American Section, and the Friends Fellowship Council, brought the second message on this general topic, entitling it "Friends in World Fellowship." He asked seven questions and indicated possible answers:

1. Is the existent fellowship of Friends exclusive and divisive, shutting us off from others? Sometimes one wonders whether all these ties that bind us, ties so dear and so sacred, mean that someone is outside the fellowship. We must find a fellowship to take in—not to leave out.

2. What is the basis of fellowship among Friends around the world? In early Quaker literature, it seems clear that Light and the obedience to the Light brought men into fellowship. There is something austere in it, and one longs for warmth and affection. If we conceive of salvation as reaching out to the whole man, we will place great value on human qualities.

3. How may we enlarge the fellowship without losing its reality and power? The Society of Friends has never been intimidated by the size of things. It is committed to facing the world through personal contacts. Through the Service Committee, we see how human problems are inter-related. The World Conference at Oxford will bring a dramatic effort to enlarge the fellowship.

4. Is the World Conference of Friends planned for 1952 justified in the face of the world's need? There is today a wider basis of concern for the world in the Society of Friends. Does it amount to anything like a corporate concern? There is a more deeply felt need among Friends for discussion of common motivation behind service, a readiness to be used by the Holy Spirit for ends we cannot clearly see, a hunger for corporate worship. It is urgent that Friends pray that the meeting may be more like a gathering of disciples than a convention.

5. What is the relation of Friends to other Christian bodies and the ecumenical movement? The Society of Friends is one small member of the common fellowship and in order that we may make a contribution to it, we need to search our hearts, asking whether our testimonies are vital and living rather than merely traditional.

6. What may world fellowship mean for our Society? Will it bring fresh power in the whole body, deeds of mercy and truth, new dedication to the will of Christ? Might it be that all fifty-four groups will be led into a deeper unity in the Society?

7. What may Friends in the world fellowship mean for the world? The key both to our fellowship and to world fellowship is in the possibility that we might have a saving word to speak to humanity in its need. Friends at Oxford will have deep convictions on how and where the living word should be spoken, perhaps in seeking a new understanding between East and West, in race tensions, in other areas of need and conflict.

One heritage which heartens us is that Friends have a genius for taking hold of small, tangible ends. "It is my greatest concern," said Alexander Purdy, "that Christian world fellowship will enable us to minister to the throngs of the spiritually homeless. We rarely have the fatih that the early Friends possessed to believe that people are spiritually close together. We pray that such evangelism may open." Alexander Purdy closed with the salutation of Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth.

The meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1950
10:00 A. M.

74. The meeting assembled according to adjournment, and Levi T. Pennington (Oregon) brought a message: "Lay hold again on God almighty who is sufficient for thy needs, whose resources are not exhausted."

Summaries of Miriam Levering's message and of the Tuesday evening sessions were read and accepted.

75. Lela Mills (Western), Levinus K. Painter (New York), and Helen E. Walker (California) led the discus-

sion on the topic, "Christian Home Fellowship," reviewing the background offered by the addresses and asking the question: Can we think of the Christian gospel in larger terms? Can we unthink ourselves of Yearly Meeting surroundings and think in cosmic terms?

Miguel Tamayo (Cuba) asked why Friends could not start a new migration into areas where they are not known, citing the example of the Alabama Friends who are going to Costa Rica. Susie Meek Frazier (Oklahoma) sang her message: "God is Working His Purpose Out." Essie Briggs (North Carolina) suggested that we take home the words: "We test our lives by thine." Marlin Dawson (Baltimore) said: "We ought to have something to share with larger Christian fellowship. Do we feel that we are an aristocracy or do we feel that others have something to share with us? That is the spirit of true fellowship."

Levinus K. Painter raised the question of the influence of missions on the wider movement, and cited the example of the mission in Kenya which has an obligation of continued cooperation with other Christian groups and an especial responsibility for schools. Are Friends equal to carrying out their responsibility of helping to build the new Christian culture in Africa? Harold Chance (New England) spoke on establishing mutual understanding. Ellen Thorne (Wilmington) described the inter-faith cooperation existing on the mission fields in Kenya, India, and Central America, saying, "The unity is there when every member obeys the Head"; and Howard Yow (North Carolina) spoke of the importance of East Africa, the challenge that the work presents to Friends. Gurney Binford (Japan) illustrated the influence of missions upon world affairs by telling of important positions held in Japan by men educated in Friends schools and citing the service of Elizabeth Vining and Esther Rhoades as tutors of the Crown Prince. Elizabeth Hazard (New York) asked the meeting to propose young people to go out to Africa where teachers are needed to meet great opportunities.

Charles Lord (Iowa) suggested the Five Years Meeting cooperate with other branches on the administrative level.

Raymond Wilson spoke of the sense of urgency and the tasks which face us with the world in arms, the world hungry, and the world divided. Christianity has one answer: feed your enemies and love them. We have to see our total job and take hold of it as we never have before in three hundred years. O. Herschel Folger (North Carolina) remarked that while introspection is good, we must go out now with new zeal and earnestness, and act.

76. The names of Friends to serve as members at large on the Executive Committee were submitted by the Committee on Organization, approved, and Friends appointed to the task.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

Members at Large of the Executive Committee:

Orval H. Cox (Iowa)
Nellie H. Markle (Indiana)
Alexander C. Purdy (New England)
Blaine G. Bronner (California)
Algie I. Newlin (North Carolina)
Elizabeth L. Hazard (New York)
John Compton (Indiana)

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

77. Clyde A. Milner (North Carolina) urged Friends to make this last devotional period of the sessions a time of self-examination and of dedication. Out of many concerns two emerge: one, that all may recognize that is it man-made selfishness which forms the great barrier to Christian world fellowship; and the other that we may learn to integrate creatively all the existing units of Christian fellowship. "Be ye therefore imitators of God as beloved children," assuming the likeness of God and working in his spirit through the channels of Christian fellowship.

Self-interest limits the advance of the Kingdom and stands in the way of God's purpose and plan. We desire that things be done in our time, not in God's and so prevent the growing connections of fellowship. As Nicholas Copernicus changed his point of reference from the moving earth to the center of the mighty sun, we should make the transfer from man's will to God's purpose and power.

In learning to use existing units of Christian fellowship effectivly, we need to develop and strengthen the spirit that enables us to live for men as well as with them. In the unselfish life grounded in the love of God, we can find strong reverence and respect for all mankind, a sort of self discipline, a unity deeper than conformity. As all Christians work together in the love of God, great power can be released and great things can be accomplished. It is a sin to miss the mark of the high calling of God. May we therefore imitate God as beloved children.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1950
2:00 P. M.

The meeting assembled according to adjournment.

78. In opening the session, the Clerk read the following paragraph written by Rufus M. Jones to Augustine Jones at the close of the sessions of the Five Years Meeting in 1917:

> "The Five Years Meeting was a time of work and struggle, but also a time of real satisfaction. It was very encouraging to note a decided increase of unity and an advance in almost all lines. I have often wondered whether the Five Years Meeting was destined to fill an important place in the life of our Society. I feel more than ever convinced this time that it did have a real service to perform."
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> November 13, 1917

79. The Clerk recognized the following visiting Friends: George Hardin, Executive Secretary of the Peace Board of both Philadelphia Yearly Meetings; Richard R. Wood, Editor of *The Friend;* James H. Wilson, retired minister of the Christian Church; and Hannah Stapler, a secretary of the Friends World Committee.

80. The Reading Clerk read the following report of the

Volunteer Service Council. Lawrence Peery (Western) spoke of the difficulty in securing workers, due in part to lack of vital interest and in part to lack of financial support; and asked for the guidance of the meeting on two questions: Is this valid service? Can we get support? The Clerk voiced the opinion of the meeting, uniting with the concern of the council and encouraging it to continue its work.

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER SERVICE COUNCIL

For a number of years the Five Years Meeting has had an organ for recruiting volunteer workers for summer projects related to the various aspects of the Friends work. Until 1947 this organ was known as Student Summer Service, and was handled entirely by the American Friends Board of Missions and the Board on Christian Education. However, it was the feeling of those participating that Student Summer Service could be more effective if it had a much wider foundation for the projects which it undertook. Consequently, in 1947 it was organized to include all the boards and committees of the Five Years Meeting. The obvious purpose for such an institution is to render service in areas of need. Even more fundamental, however, is the opportunity which it provides for young Friends who are seeking a meaningful channel for the expression of their Christian conviction.

During the five year period, young Friends have participated in construction work on the Friends Hostel in Victoria, Mexico; the Young Friends Conference Center in Gibara, Cuba, and the Dover Friends Meeting House in Dover, Jamacia. In each case this work has been accompanied by religious visitation and participation in the young Friends conferences in each of those areas. The two latter projects were conducted in cooperation with the Department of Community Dynamics of Earlham College.

Another work ,camp of a little different nature was held in Richmond, Indiana. Ten young people spent the summer working with the North Richmond Community Council in the development of a recreation and education program in an underprivileged and racially mixed area of the city. As in all such projects of this kind, a definite effort was made to try to build a relationship between the areas of need and the local Friends meetings.

The other main type of summer project has been the Young Friends caravans. Caravans of young Friends have been invited into Friends communities to assist with Daily Vacation Bible School, peace education, community visitation, religious surveys of the community and a general interpretation of other Friends concerns. Caravans of this type have worked in New England, New York, Wilmington, Indiana, and Western Yearly Meetings.

Of particular siginifiance has been the development of the young Friends political education seminars in Washington, D. C. Young Friends with their sponsors travel to Washington where they take part in an intensive educational program which has been prearranged by the Friends Committee on National Legislation and the Volunteer Service Council. They have proved to fill a need so well that in three short years they have grown beyond our capactiy to handle the number. Consequently the number of young Friends participating has had to be limited.

The demand for Volunteer Service groups has been excellent, however all during this time we have been faced by the difficulty of finding enough qualified young Friends to accept the positions which have been open, with the one exception of the political education seminars. Truly "the fields have been white unto harvest and the laborers have been few." During the past two years, this shortage has been so serious as to sharply curtail the work of the Volunteer Service Council. Consequently, a thorough re-evaluation is in order before we can determine whether it is feasible to continue this aspect of our Friends ministry.

WM. MERTON SCOTT, *Chairman*

81. A partial report of the Committee on Organization was read and accepted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

The Committee on *Reference on Faith and Practice.*

Milo S. Hinkle (Western)
Katharine A. W. Simon (Baltimore)
Howard L. Carey (New York)
Roy S. Williams (Iowa)
Isaac Harris (North Carolina)

82. The statement on the Peace Testimony was read in its revised form and was approved.

PEACE STATEMENT

The Five Years Meeting of Friends testifies that obedience to the Spirit and teachings of Christ impels us to dedicate ourselves to the abolition of war. We cannot share in the reliance upon force or threat of force which leads to a menacing arms race, to conscription, and universal military or manpower service. These are contrary to the redemptive love in Christ.

The growing regimentation, diversion of resources, limitation on freedom of conscience and of initative indicate a dangerous drift toward a garrison state. We declare our deep sympathy with all those who for conscience sake have entered their protest against conscription, preparation for war, and war. We offer to them our prayers, encouragement and moral support as they meet the consequences of their actions.

We dedicate our hearts, minds, and efforts to the achievement of a world at peace. The following indispensible principles guide us in our efforts:

1. The ministry of the gospel of Christ must be brought to all men. This is the basis for a universal international morality.
2. All men must be regarded with respect befitting their dignity as human beings, created by God.
3. The oneness of mankind under God lays upon us responsibility to share our bounties to help meet the needs of our fellow men.
4. The building of peace must be comprehensive including simultaneous efforts toward:
    a. Strengthening the concilation and peace making functions of the UN so that resort to armed violence may be prevented and that conflicts may be resolved by just processes of law and reconciliation, with enforcement by an international civilian police rather than national or international armies through war.
    b. Universal disarmament of atomic, biological and conventional weapons.
    c. Concerted action by all toward eliminating hunger, poverty and disease. Towards this goal we now renew efforts by our Society for increased constructive projects in this direction. We will now attempt to match war-tax increases with voluntary contributions to a new fund for these efforts.

83. The report of the Board of Missions was presented under the direction of Merle Davis (Indiana), who commented briefly on the report and presented missionaries and national workers. The first speaker was Benjamin Ngaira, first representative of the Yearly Meeting in East Africa and clerk of that meeting. He described the progress of the work of Friends in the Kenya Colony and the need for qualified teachers, leaders in Christian education, trained evangelists, and a superintendent for the Yearly Meeting. He brought greetings from Friends in East Africa and expressed their thanks for the electric plant.

Three Cuban Friends, Juan Guzman, Juan Sierra and Miguel Tamayo, were present. All described details of the work, Juan Guzman also saying that the name of Quakers was taking hold of people around them in Cuba and inviting young people to assist in erecting a new building next summer; Juan Sierra emphasizing education, the relation of Cuban Friends to the Church Council in Cuba, and the message of evangelism; and Miguel Tamayo describing the extent of the work of the indigenous national Quaker movement. Henry D. Cox (California) served as interpreter for Juan Guzman and Juan Sierra.

Kenneth Crooks (Jamaica) brought greetings and told of government grants which have advanced the work of Friends Schools. George Minott (Jamaica) sang "From Greenland's Icy Mountains"; Mabel Vincent (Jamaica) brought vividly before us the spirit of the new Jamaica, awake and alive. Ruby Meredith (Jamaica) said, "My concern is that Friends in Jamaica have something Jamaica needs, a reality of life we cannot afford to miss."

Fortunato Castillo (Mexico) described Quaker work there. He spoke of the school at Matehuala, the Friends hostel at Victoria, and the influence of Friends in Monterrey, Matamoros, Cedral, El Mante and in Mexico City. He closed by saying, "I am going back to my country to share my impressions of this meeting with those Friends down the Rio Grande. I hope that I will be able to make them proud about their every day more vital Quaker heritage and to stimulate them to a better testimony in their own lives."

Howard Yates from Tennessee brought greetings; Violet Pitts brought greetings and expressed appreciation to the Indian Committee; and Susie M. Frazier sang "The Touch of God." In addition to those who spoke, the following persons active in mission work were present: Howard and Lalah Yow, Clifford Meredith, Adam Flatter, Margaret Farlow, Mack Jones, Margaret Yates, Marie Cassell, Arthur and Westine Shufelt, Ruthanna Simms, Harriet Woodward, and William Byerly.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS BOARD OF MISSIONS

The work of the American Friends Board of Missions is based on confidence in the Christian church as a medium of regeneration of society and the salvation of mankind from its evils. With this confidence the distinctive responsibility of the mission board is to establish the Christian church among all peoples of the world which church shall become, within its own area, a medium of regeneration of society and under the control, support, and initiative of the people of the community. This has been the primary goal of the Mission Board of the Society of Friends since its establishment more than fifty years ago.

PERSONNEL

In the last two reports to the Five Years Meeting we have pointed out that we were coming to a period of transition. There was a group of missionaries who went out to the field previous to and in the period of the first World War. Because of age, these were nearing their time of retirement. Now we have practically completed that transition. There are no missionaries on active duty on any of our fields today who were there at the time of the first World War. Of those who were in active service as missionaries on our different fields at the last Five Years Meeting in 1945, twenty-four have now retired or withdrawn; three additional ones have passed away, Alsina M. Andrews, Jefferson W. Ford, and Emma P. Martinez. Today, there are only seven missionaries actively serving on our fields who were appointed previous to the last sessions of the Five Years Meeting. Twenty-two new missionaries are now on the fields who have gone out since the sessions of the Five Years Meeting in 1945.

COMPARATIVE BUDGETS

During the five-year period closing with the 1945 sesssions of the Five Years Meeting, our budgets totalled $252,811.71 or an average of $50,562.34 per year. During the last five year period our budgets have totalled $398,866.89 or an average of $79,773.38. This represents an increase of approximately 57 per cent in the average budgets of this five-year period over the previous one. This increase is approximately equal to or possibily somewhat greater than the decrease in the value of the dollar. In other words, we may have shown, during the past five-year period, a slight increase in the purchasing power of our mission work.

DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PHYSICAL PLANTS

On all of our mission fields the board has institutions under its responsibility which are not only occupied by people and to serve the ends of these people, but which require buildings made of stone, brick, mortar and wood. The need for buildings is perhaps the greatest proof of a solid, growing piece of mission work. It significantly distinguishes between a successful permanent development of the Christian church and the fly-by-night type which is glamorous and soul satisfying on the surface but leaves little or nothing permanent in the form of a growing church. Only when we find enough people well grounded in the Christian faith or looking forward to it, to need buildings for their worship, service, and education, can we say that we have a genuine piece of permanent and growing mission work.

During the past five-year period, we have been able to supply a measure of these material necessities to our mission work abroad.

In Africa, we have been able to recondition the hospital which was greatly needed; install an excellent electric system at Kaimosi, including the necessary repairs to the turbine, in order that the hospital, schools, homes, and shops might have power and electric light; build a new home for an additional family; construct a simple school building for the American children who need a different type of education than that provided locally since these children are to return to American life; and construct an office building so as to centralize the office work and relieve our different departments of that type of routine work so as to give more attention to their respective professions.

In Cuba, we have completed one of the two major additions needed at the Holguin School to care for its growing number of students and increasing curriculum; purchased a large lot looking forward to the erection of a building for boarding students of the

Holguin School; the annual Young Friends Conference a Gibara has been greatly aided by the construction in a cooperative work camp of the new corridor-dining room; through personal gifts of the Casado brothers, and an equal amount raised in Puerto Padre, we have completed an addition to that school to care for the student body which has doubled in recent years; and at the time of the Five Years Meeting we are in the process of raising funds for the new Banes Meetinghouse.

In Jamaica, some progress has also been made in the construction of buildings. The home economics building has been completed on the foundation that stood for almost a generation; a dining room has been added to Harvey Hall of Happy Grove School; we are in the process of raising funds for the new administration and classroom building of Happy Grove School; the new meetinghouse at Dover is in the process of construction to care for the population which has shifted from the Spicy Grove community; and we are giving aid to the Highgate Meetinghouse which has just begun.

In Tennessee, two excellent churches have been added at Rafter and at Farrs which now complete the rehabilitation of our meetinghouses in that area. Because of the whole-hearted co-operation of our missionaries, local friends of the communities and especially due to the supervision which has been given by William Engle of Colorado Springs, father of Violet Linton, we have been able to complete these buildings at a cost of not over one-third what they would have been if they had been constructed on a normal commercial basis.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

As indicated previously, all missionary work is based on the confidence of the Christian church as a regenerative force of society and that the distinctive responsibility of any mission board is to form a Christian church in all communities of the world made up of people with vital Christian experience. Therefore, our missionaries should lead people to live in accordance with the message and life of Christ. Whether this be by preaching, by reading the Scriptures, by teaching, by the ministry of healing, or by other means, it will be the duty and privilege of each missionary so to live and work as to endeavor to convey to the Spiritual understanding of the people a sense of the love of God as revealed in His Son, Jesus Christ, and the love of "his neighbor as himself." To accomplish this aim the missionary should recognize the supreme value of the development of Christian personality to its highest possibilities and the building of a more perfect form of society. Buildings and other physical equipment are only means to this primary purpose. The following paragraphs seek to reveal some of the growth toward this primary purpose in our missions during the past five year period.

In Africa, the greatest evidence of growth has been the establishment of the yearly meeting as authorized five years ago and the growing sense of responsibility demonstrated by the membership since the yearly meeting has been established. Of course, it has not been all sunshine. There have been misconceptions and misunderstandings. But as the members have learned through experience, sometimes by trial and error, and through the advice of our missionaries, they have taken hold of the responsibilities of a growing church among their people. This is evidenced somewhat by a comparison of numbers. In 1945, the membership was reported as 13,474, while in 1950, it is over 16,829. In 1945, the average weekly attendance of the various meetings was 54,128. In 1950 it is 80,668. In 1945 the enrollment in our Friends' schools was 24,785, while in 1950 it is 45,925. As a means of still greater growth, the Bible Institute has been permanently located at Kaimosi and classes have begun in the preparation of those who show evidence of understanding of the meaning of Christianity and who demonstrate leadership ability.

The fact that in Cuba the membership of our meetings has increased more during the past twenty years of little or no American supervision than it did during the first thirty years with an abundance of American leadership indicates that the church has become well established and that its membership appreciates its responsibility for continued growth and development of a Christian society. During the past two years, there has been no resident missionary in Cuba although the time has not yet come for us to discontinue that aid and service to the group of Friends in Cuba. Not only have the churches developed this sense of responsibility for growth in numbers and extension of the Christian church but our schools there, which are intimately tied with the churches likewise have increased in number enrolled and quality of work done.

This is the second five-year period since the yearly meeting was established in Jamaica. While the membership has grown in its sense of responsibility for the management and development of the church, yet there has been little increase in the number of members of the meetings. The growth in the sense of responsibility is a definite step in progress, but unless it leads to a growth in membership it would indicate that the church has reached a level period which might become stagnation or decline. Happy Grove School has continued to increase in numbers, so much so that a reduction in numbers had to be made because of limited facilities. The Lyndale Girls Home has developed until it has been recognized as one of the leading homes for girls in the island. Swift-Purscell Home is being improved through recent contributions from our churches in this country, and the conditions have been much improved by the separation of the school and boarding facilities by the removal of the school from the Great House to the former Friends College premises.

We would probably misrepresent facts if we tried to show evidence of growth in either Mexico or Palestine. The laws and conditions in Mexico have contributed to what appears to be a decline in our work there during the past five years. The only way that we could consider that any advance has been made during the past five-year period would be to have hope that out of the loss of a paid leadership, the individual members may have increased their sense of responsibility for the work. We think that there is evidence of this in one or two cases, but it is too early to suggest any general movement in that direction.

The disturbed conditions in Palestine during the past year, instead of being conducive to growth and development, have brought about misery, great migrations of displaced persons, and consequently, loss of economic support. Our schools and church have sought to minister to the immediate great needs of the people while at the same time they have continued as many of their normal functions as possible.

Our schools at Ramallah have been the only ones in the country that have continued through unbroken service during these disturbed conditions of the past five years. For a time over fifty destitute people were housed in the church building. To help meet the stringent economic situation, one benevolent foundation of this country has generously given us $10,000 to be used by the Boys School at Ramallah for special scholarship funds and Friends of the Five Years Meeting, particularly of New England and New York Yearly Meetings, have whole-heartedly undertaken the raising of the same amount for the Friends Girls School.

In summary, the following comparative statistics for 1945 and 1950 for all of our fields, will show, in a measure, the growth and development which has taken place:

	1945	1950
Number of missionaries	36	41
Number of employed national workers	688	1,072
Number of monthly meetings	40	58
Total church membership	14,776	16,244
Average weekly attendance at meetings	56,030	82,929
Number of schools	408	356
Enrollment in schools	27,502	47,381

MERLE L. DAVIS, *Administrative Secretary*

84. The report of the United Society of Friends Women was accepted for the Minutes. Helen Walker spoke briefly, calling attention to important points.

REPORT OF THE UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN

Within the last five year period a new approach has been made to the work which women Friends have been doing through the Woman's Missionary Union. Due to the nature of this venture, the name was changed in May, 1948, to the United Society of Friends Women. For some time there had been a growing concern that the Woman's Society in our Meetings should not have a limited membership but should include all the women members of the Meeting. It was also felt that some unified plan of organization should be adopted whereby the various womens organizations in a local Meeting could find expression through one woman's society. There has been an increasing desire for the study of some of the current social issues and the Christian solution to them. These and other phases of the mission of the Church at home and abroad have called for a broader program of study and work. These are some of the main points which brought forth this new emphasis, and although this is still a new plan, it is meeting with good response and there is evidence of new growth and increased giving. The work formerly carried on by the Missionary Society, Auxiliary, Ladies Aid, or Friendly Guild is now carried on through a department of work of the United Society.

From the reports of 1949-50 there are over 10,000 women in 355 Societies in the eleven Yearly Meetings who meet monthly for worship, study and fellowship. Suggested program outlines are prepared by women in the various Yearly Meetings and edited in a booklet called "Blueprints." These are widely used in all the Yearly

Meetings. Monthly Emphases for study include the interdenominational mission study books, stewardship, Friends missions, peace, race relations, the Christian home, ecumenicity, the Church in the community, world literacy, and Friendly subjects. Supplementary helps and Society materials are included in a Program Packet which has wide distribution.

The monthly magazine and official organ of the United Society, "The Friends Missionary Advocate," has a subscription list of 2,900-3,000. It is self-supporting. Freda Morris Hadley served as the efficient editor for seven years but found it necessary to resign and Mary Kelly Farquhar of Wilmington has served since April of this year. A complete file of all the copies of the Advocate has been made and these have been bound and are in the vault in Richmond.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

Each Department of Work has a secretary who endeavors to bring the work of her department to the highest possible efficiency, and to give help where it is needed.

Missionary Education. Missionary education has always been a major concern and much of our study and giving have been directed into this channel. A reading course is conducted and the number enrolled has trebled within the last five years. At last report there were 2195 enrolled in the reading course. This course includes books on Missions, stewardship, peace and the Christian Social relations. Two copies of the books on the reading course are available at the Lending Library at the Central Offices at Richmond.

Peace and Christian Social Relations. The Secretary of Peace and Christian Social Relations has kept us informed on pending legislation and current peace trends. Her vital concern is the urgent need for world government. Through the leadership of this department, the United Society of Friends Women has taken a stand opposing Universal Military Training and/or the draft, the military control of scientific research, the military domination of our American foreign policy. We have worked to oppose the use of grain for beverage alcohol. We favored the right to vote without discrimination on the basis of color, race or other unreasonable classification. We urged the enactment of an anti-lynching act, also legislation for the protection of the rights of American Indians in the States and in Alaska. A Packet has been sent to leaders in this department in all the Yearly Meetings.

Christian Service. The Department of Christian Service was established in 1946. $3000 to $5000 a year has been given through the Societies to the A. F. S. C. Last year, 122 Tons of clothing were sent for overseas relief through the Service Committee. In the last two years, three large projects for missions brought a ready response. 3000 pounds of bandages were rolled and surgical dressings made for the hospital at Kaimosi, Africa. A project of clothing for the Boys School in Jamaica brought in 1247 pounds. A project has just closed wherby bedding was supplied for Swift Purscell School. The response to this last project brought in twice the amount asked for, but the askings had been put at a minimum and this supply of sheets, pillowcases, bed ticks, etc., can be shared with the Lyndale Girls Home.

Children. Through the Department of Children's work, outlines of mission study are prepared and sent to children's workers in the Yearly Meetings. A Reading Course for children has stimulated interest and understanding of our children for the children of other lands and of minority groups. The giving by the children has steadily increased each year and over $1000 is contributed to a given project annually.

Youth. The Secretary of Youth has encouraged the use of missionary education materials in the youth groups of our Meetings. Missionary materials have been placed in the Youth File put up by the Board on Christian Education. The contributions by the young people to the Youth project has increased each year. This last year, $651 was given toward the medical work under the Board of Missions.

Literature. Books and materials on all phases of our work are made available through the Secretary of Literature. The "Preaching Values" of this year's home mission study, "The Church at the Grass Roots" were sent to every pastor.

Stewardship. Emphasis has been placed on the stewardship of all of life and on the Scriptural basis of giving. Packets containing stewardship materials have been sent out by the Secretary. Thank-offering boxes and a new Stewardship Commitment card are now available in quantity.

GIVING

For many years the Womens Societies have contributed the salaries of four missionaries and have given generously to help their Yearly Meeting meet its missionary budget. Gradually, new projects have been presented and the response has been gratifying. An effort has been made to place all giving on the basis of our Christian stewardship and there has been a marked increase in the giving. Within the last five years the receipts by the United Society have more than doubled. The greater amount of this is designated, and is sent on. A grand total of $91,356.36 was received by the United Society in 1945-50. In the 1950 reports $72,243 was given through the local Woman's Societies, during the last fiscal year $22,000 was used for local Meeting needs and $30,000 for Friends missions. In 1948 the Board of Missions asked us to raise the Travel Fund of $11,400. This was to be over and above all other obligations. Although it had never been done before, we undertook it on faith, and went over the top by a considerable amount. This vision of what we could do has given us confidence to accept a similar special project each year since then.

Through the United Thankoffering taken in November and February or March each year about $2400 was given for the construction of the dining room at Happy Grove School, Jamaica and last year $1500 was divided equally among the four Indian centers in Oklahoma and the Friends Indian Center in Los Angeles, California. The project for this year is to help rebuild the portion of the Lyndale Girls Home, Jamaica, which was destroyed at the time of the hurricane in 1944.

The interest from a bequest has been put aside and from it the Ellen Nicholson Scholarship Fund was established in 1947. This is a loan fund for the help of young women Friends who desire training for full time Christian service.

RELATIONSHIPS

The Executive Committee of the U. S. F. W. has met in the spring and fall to administer business and to plan the Society's program. For four years members with like responsibility have been invited to meet with the various Boards and Committees of the Five Years Meeting. This has helped to correlate our work and to share in the total program of the Church.

Women Friends are active in interdenominational work on the local, state and national levels. Many participate in the activities of the Council of Church Women and are willing to "stand up and be counted" for their belief in Christian unity by being a part of the Ecumenical Register of Protestant women which has been promoted this year. The United Society is also affiliated with the Foreign Missions Conference, the Home Missions Council, and the Missionary Education Movement.

ORGANIZATION

The present officers and Secretaries of Departments compose the Executive Committee of the United Society of Friends Women. They are:

President	Helen E. Walker
First Vice-President	Henrietta C. Carey
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Christian Service	Lela W. Mills
Stewardship	Ellen P. Robinson
Peace-Christian Social Relations	Miriam Levering
Youth	Ruth Snyder
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Subscription Manager	Mabel J. Young

IN CONCLUSION

We give thanks to our Heavenly Father for His guidance and blessing and it is in His strength that we go forward. It is our desire that the United Society of Friends Women may be another instrument in His hands to implement His purposes.

HELEN E. WALKER, *President*

85. Homer Coppock (Indiana) read the message prepared to send to all Friends everywhere, and it was approved.

MESSAGE OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING

To Friends Everywhere:

As we have met again at Richmond in the sessions of the Five Years Meeting, we have experienced a deepened sense of the meaning of Christian fellowship. We are convinced that the fellowship of these days is centered in Christ; that its deeper meaning is found in a personal experience of Him, and in shared tasks performed for His sake. In the midst of the disorder and frustration which man has brought upon himself, God's design may be discovered. As we give ourselves fully to seeking his will we are quieted and sustained for the service of healing the wounds of the world. We have been impressed with the necessity of extending our fellowship to all men, in all conditions of life. Our concern has been that we may be prepared to go forth over the earth under a baptism of faith and power sufficient to do our part in building a kingdom of Christ.

We have been meeting at the beginning of the day in smaller groups for worship and discussion and have then come together for a united seeking of special guidance for the work involved in an assigned area of concern. Finally one of our members has brought a prophetic message for stimulating our purpose to go forward. Our concerns have been for "fellowship in the local Meeting," "the Christian nurture of persons, "evangelism and extension," "impact on social issues," and "Christian world fellowship."

Free expression of varied opinions, given in Christian love, has proved the validity of our belief that God desires to reveal Himself through all of His children. We have the responsibility for helping each other find the ways that God would work through us. We have been counseled that patience must be exercised as we apply meanings to words and have sought to go beyond words to understand something of the spirit in which they are given. New and deeper meanings may come from others whom God would use as our teachers as we seek together to live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The sign of the Christian Church is not a circle which turns back upon itself, but an arrow pointing the way to new life and new service. We need a constant renewal of divine power. We may well follow the practice of withdrawal and return—withdrawal to Him for power and return for His service.

We are concerned to provide the nurture that will bring about Christian growth. Provision must be made for the special needs of the new-born child and for his development. We must also furnish the conditions in our homes, our Meetings, and our communities, which will create an atmosphere conductive to the beginning of the new life of the Spirit.

We have an important work to do. It may continue to include bringing physical relief to those in need, but as this work may be taken over by others, we are still under a call to help supply the compassion that is not limited by nation, race, religion, or by political and military alliances. We shall need to oppose harmful influences about us but our call is not so much to oppose communism or build democracy as to live the Christian life; to give a demonstration of a higher principle than is found in either. What we do must be the result of our deepest religious convictions and will be our basis of action because we can do nothing else.

We must act in humility as our lives touch others who are as valuable in God's sight as are any of us. We are humble in the knowledge that we have done all too little in changing the spiritual atmosphere of our communities and of our world. In this day of disappointment and anxiety we are also given an unparalled opportunity for the Church of Christ and for Friends in particular. Let us respond with the same unselfish devotion which marked the lives of those of other days whose example we now honor.

The foundations that are being thrown down must be re-established by righteous men; men of faith, of power and of love. We pray that we may be used in the establishment of righteousness as the burning coals from the altar purge us of uncleanness and cause us to behold the glory of God; to know the saving grace of his son, Jesus Christ.

We must cry out with boldness against the evils which surround us. We shall forget to be afraid when we have been with Jesus. We undertake our work at home and in the world community, united under the call of Jesus, "Follow Me." "In simple faith like those who heard" His voice long ago, we now "rise up and follow" Him.

On behalf of the Five Years Meeting,
Norval E. Webb, Clerk

86. Winslow H. Osborne (New England) read the following report of the Business Committee, which was approved.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

In view of the sentiment expressed yesterday afternoon on the part of the Five Years Meeting, and the newly formed Men's Organization, the Business Committee felt it would be helpful to explore further the esential features of the Quaker Hill offer.

The following outline does not cover the details of the proposed agreement, but merely mentions the essential features, and is not a part of that agreement:

1. The Quaker Hill property would be deeded to the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting as soon as the papers could be prepared, to serve as headquarters for the Five Years Meeting;
2. By mutual agreement any part of the property could be turned over to Earlham College, at a later time;

3. If sufficient funds to build an adequate new office building are raised (pledged) on or before December 1, 1951, then a site of about two acres, to be selected by the Five Years Meeting Trustees, will be set aside free and clear of all restrictions;
4. The offer of Quaker Hill is made with the specific understanding that the headquarters of the Five Years Meeting will be at Quaker Hill.
    a) If the money for an adequate new office building be not raised by December 1, 1951, then it utive Committee would determine the time of transferring the offices to Quaker Hill;
    b) If the money for an adequate new office building be not raised by December 1, 1951, then it would be agreed, and is a definite stipulation of the offer, that the offices should be transferred to Quaker Hill as soon as necessary alterations could be made, but not later than June 1, 1952;
5. There would be no particular restriction in the agreement as to the use of the premises, except that it be used for Five Years Meeting headquarters.

In other words, the original agreement (proposed on Saturday) would be modified only in the following particulars:

First, that no mention is to be made of the continued use of the property as a Quaker hostel or conference center.

Second, that if funds sufficient, in the judgement of the Trustees, to build an adequate office building on the Quaker Hill Property are raised (pledged) by the Five Years Meeting on or before December 1, 1951, then the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting of Friends will, by proper instrument of record, set aside two acres to be selected by the Trustees which shall belong to said Trustees in fee simple, free and clear of all restrictions notwithstanding any of the other provisions of the trusts herein provided, and the Five Years Meeting will proceed, at the earliest practicable moment, to erect an adequate office building on said two acres so set aside.

Third, that if adequate funds are not raised, as herein provided, before December 1, 1951, then the Five Years Meeting agrees to occupy the present Quaker Hill Property as its headquarters as soon as necessary alterations can be made, but no

later than June 1, 1952.
Fourth, such other incidental alterations in the language of the contract shall be made as are required by the foregoing substantive provisions.

If the Five Years Meeting accepts the offer of Quaker Hill Foundation, the Business Committe is united in recommending:

1. That a new building Committee of five members be appointed with full power and authority, but subject always to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting, to do all things necessary to the completion of the building (except the raising of funds);
2. That the Building Committee, subject to the approval of the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting, determine the amount of money necessary to build an adequate new office building;
3. That the men's organization be asked to undertake the raising of the necessary building funds;
4. That the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting be authorized to make such incidental alterations in the language of the original proposed agreement as they may deem advistable;
5. That the Trustees be authorized to dispose of the premises at 101 South 8th St., Richmond, Indiana, when they deem it advisable to do so, and that the proceeds be included in the building fund;
6. That the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting be authorized to sign the agreement and all necessary papers to carry out these recommendations;
7. That if the building fund as of December 1, 1951, is determined by the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting to be insufficient to erect an adequate new office building, the fund may be used for alterations and new construction at Quaker Hill, as the Building Committee subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting) may determine;
8. That the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting be authorized and directed to manage and control the Quaker Hill premises, subject to the foregoing recommendations, as it deems advisable.

For the Business Committee,
Russell E. Rees, Chairman.

The Presiding Clerk provided the minute of action: This meeting is united in accepting the gift of Quaker Hill from the Quaker Hill Foundation and directs the Executive Committee and the Committee of Five to go forward in working out the details of the transaction in accordance with the report of the Business Committee and to go forward with the construction of the new office building when funds are available or reasonably assured.

87. The Committee on Organization, with the counsel of the Business Committee, was instructed to nominate members to a committee of five persons to serve as a Building Committee. (Minute 92)

William C. Dennis (Indiana) expressed appreciation on the part of the Quaker Hill Foundation for the fine work of the Business Committee and the spirit of the session of the Five Years Meeting which considered the proposition. George Wood made suggestions on details to be considered.

88. Alvin T. Coate (Western) suggested that the meeting instruct the clerks to send a letter to Isaac and Adah Woodard, "expressing our feeling in this high moment." The meeting approved the suggestion.

Thomas E. Jones (Indiana) said, "The terms of the gift implied a challenge; the response has indicated that we are ready to go forward. As President of Earlham College, I wish to say that Earlham is ready to put full support behind this movement."

William C. Dennis (Indiana) announced a gift of $1000 from Isaac Woodard; Alvin T. Coate of $500 from James Matchett and $500 from himself. Glenn Switzer (California) spoke briefly, saying that every man in the Five Years Meeting should realize that the Men's Movement is more than a money-raising body, but that it is willing to accept the challenge and will take pledges immediately. Pledges were received by Errol T. Elliott in the face of the meeting. At the end of the session, they amounted to more than $11,000.

Gordon Coffin (Iowa) said that it was to be hoped that this Five Years Meeting would not be remembered solely for the effort to raise money for the building, but also for the support it offered to Clarence Pickett's challenge.

89. On suggestion of the Clerk, the meeting approved sending letters of greeting to certain Friends faithful in the work of the Five Years Meeting, but unable to be present. Absent Friends suggested as persons to be so remembered were L. Hollingsworth Wood, W. O. Mendenhall, Lyra T. Wolkin, Willard O. Trueblood and Ancil Ratliff.

90. Appreciation was expressed to the Program Committee and to members of the First Friends of Richmond, who have entertained the Five Years Meeting.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1950
7:30 P. M.

91. The meeting assembled according to adjournment and the Clerk recognized Byron Thomas, Gilbert Thomas, Charles Morlan and Lewis Kirk, all from Ohio Yearly Meeting (Conservative).

92. The final report of the Committee on Organization naming members of a Building Committee was read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION

Nominations of persons to serve on Building Committee:

L. Glenn Switzer (California)
A. Russell Heaton (New York)
C. Clayton Terrell (Wilmington)
Elwood J. Meredith (Indiana)
George F. Scantland (Indiana)

93. Russell Rees read a letter which the Executive Committee had written and addressed to President Harry S. Truman. The meeting approved of sending the letter in the name of the Five Years Meeting.

October 25, 1950

Hon. Harry S. Truman
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

One of the central principles of American government, since its founding, has been the separation of Church and State. The perversion of this government principle can lead only to controversy among religious groups. We regret that by the appointment of a special representative to the Vatican, this fundamental relationship has been violated.

We have no prejudice against any religious fellowship. In fact, we seek in every possible way to deepen the understanding and extend the fellowship with all other religious groups. This gives us the greater liberty to express our sincere conviction that it is unwise for our government to carry on diplomatic relations with a religious organization such as the Vatican.

The Five Years Meeting of Friends, meeting in regular quinquennial session at Richmond, Indiana, through this communication expresses to you our hope that no successor to Myron Taylor to the Vatican be named.

On behalf of the
Five Years Meeting,
Norval E. Webb,
Clerk.

94. The Clerk announced that $13,500 has been pledged to the building fund.

95. The Earlham Choir under the direction of Leonard Holvik led the session into worship by the singing of a group of anthems and carols, and Elbert Russell offered the prayer that the fruit of all these hours of fellowship may appear in our lives and in our meetings and show forth the love of God.

96. James F. Walker, Executive Secretary of the Friends

World Committee for Consultation, American Section, explained the travel fund to be raised by the World Committees, expressed the concern that the membership at large participate in the 1952 World Conference by studying outlines and by conducting local conferences and said, "The best memorial we can raise to Leslie Shaffer is to try to carry on the work so dear to him."

97. D. Elton Trueblood, Chairman of the Friends World Committee, delivered the address of the evening. He spoke of the emergence of great new power of basic Christianity in our day, a conception of life without which this world cannot exist, and expressed the hope that Friends by their growing sense of unity and devotion were preparing themselves for a part in the new movement.

"Four things are necessary if Friends are to take their rightful place," he said. The first of these is a baptism by fire. Men and women touched by divine flame, the gift of God's holy, eternal spirit, can change the world, for their tensions are superceded and they like Edward Burroughs can became "Sons of Thunder and Consolation." Second, the outgoing spirit should dominate as Friends cease convincing the convinced and move on. The meeting should become a briefing session: we should look upon ourselves not as having a missionary society, but as being one. Third, we should accept the vocation of reconciliation, reaching out to find ways of overcoming tensions, developing the creative imagination that will enable us to become mediators and reconcilers. Fourth, there should be an acceptance of discipline. "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." That is what Christian life means—carrying the yoke of service, pulling the full load together with Christ. We look to our faith not so much for what it gives, but for the work; and this view can change the mood of Christianity. If we can change the Society of Friends into an active society, devoted to the recovery of basic Christianity in every avenue of modern life, we shall have found our great vocation. Let us dedicate ourselves to the task. Elton Trueblood closed by repeating Rowntree's prayer:

> Then, O Christ,
> convince us by Thy Spirit,
> thrill us by Thy divine passion,
> drown our selfishness in Thy invading love,
> lay on us the burden of the world's suffering;
> drive us forth with the apostolic fervor of the
> early church! So only can Thy message be
> delivered: Speak to thy people
> that they go forward.

98. As the session drew to its conclusion, bonds of Christian love and fellowship were strengthened by brief messages from visiting Friends: Barrow Cadbury from London Yearly Meeting, Sylvanus Haworth from Oregon, Dan Knight from Kansas, Ralph S. Coppock from Ohio, Anna Griscom Elkinton from Philadelphia (General Conference), John Beamish from Pacific Yearly Meeting, and Lester Haworth from Philadelphia.

99. Norval E. Webb, Clerk, read the concluding minute.

> The Five Years Meeting of Friends has been in session during these chaotic days of the midcentury, 1950.
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> We have been aware of the needs of the world as we have met in the fellowship of love under the uniting of the Holy Spirit. We have been drawn together, Friends from everywhere, by the cords of love, and have felt the strengthening of the fellowship by the realization of the Presence in the midst.
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> We dedicate our lives to the task to which we are called in this hour to move out to bring through love a message of reconciliation.
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> We adjourn with the feeling expressd by Rufus M. Jones in 1917 that there has been "a decided increase of unity and an advance . . . the Five Years Meeting is destined to fill an important place in the life of our Society."
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> We adjourn to meet, if God wills, five years hence.

SESSIONS OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING
OCTOBER 19-25, 1950

THURSDAY

AFTERNOON

3:00- 5:00 Registration and Room Assignments.
Tea and Social Hour in Meetinghouse.

EVENING

7:30 Formal Opening and Organization.
Algie I. Newlin, Clerk.
Roll Call and Instructions to Delegates.
Welcome to Visiting Friends.
Instructions to Committee on Organization.
Instructions to Business Committee.

8:15 Presiding. Homer J. Coppock, Chairman of Program Committee.
Introductory Address—Errol T. Elliot.
Address, "Building the Church Through Local Meeting Fellowship"—A. Ward Applegate.

FRIDAY

MORNING

Topic for the morning, "Local Meeting Fellowship"

8:30- 9:45 Worship and Discussion Groups.

10:00-11:15 General Session for Discussion.
Seth Hinshaw, Chairman; Harold Chance, Truman Whitaker.

11:25-12:00 Spiritual Message—O. Herschel Folger.

AFTERNOON

2:00- 4:00 Business Session.
Report of Committee on Organization.
Appointment of Clerks and General Organization.
Communications from Yearly Meetings.
Summary of Executive Committee activities for the past five years.
Revision of Discipline.
Report of Treasurer.
Report of Trustees.
Friends Fiduciary Corporation.
Building Committee.
Committee on Aged Ministers and Missionaries.
Committee on Pensions.

4:15 Interest Groups as Desired.
Fellowship Tea on Main Floor.

EVENING

7:30 Presiding. Ora W. Carrell.
Address, "Building the Church Through Christian Nurture"—Russell Rees.

SATURDAY

MORNING

Topic for the morning, "The Christian Nurture of Persons"
8:30- 9:45 Worship and Discussion Groups.
10:00-11:15 General Session for Discussion.
Robert Jones, Chairman; William Reagan, Ruth Day.
11:25-12:00 Spiritual Message—Charles Ball.

AFTERNOON

2:00- 4:00 Business Session.
Report of Business Committee.
Board on Christian Education.
Board on Education.
Board on Publications.
Committee on Ministerial Training.
4:15 Interest Groups as Desired.

EVENING

6:00 Young Friends' Dinner.
7:30 Young Friends' Program under care of Young Friends Department.

SUNDAY

MORNING

9:30 Regular Sunday School Classes.
Bible Lecture, Alexander C. Purdy.
10:30 United Meeting for Worship.
R. Furnas Trueblood, presiding.
Norval E. Webb, speaking.

AFTERNOON

2:30 The Isaac T. and Lida K. Johnson Lecture.
Alvin T. Coate, presiding.
Elbert Russell, speaking.
4:00 Friends who can attend are invited to a tea at Quaker Hill.

EVENING

7:30 Presiding, Orval H. Cox.
Message on "The Advance"—Harold N. Tollefson.
Address, "Building the Church Through Evangelism and Extension"—R. Ernest Lamb.

MONDAY

MORNING

Topic for the morning, "Building the Church Through Evangelism and Extension"

8:30- 9:45 Worship and Discussion Groups.
10:00-11:15 General Session for Discussion.
John Compton, Chairman; David Stanfield, Glenn Reece.
11:25-12:00 Spiritual Message—Murray C. Johnson.

AFTERNOON

2:00- 4:00 Business Session.
Report of Business Committee.
Committee on Evangelism.
Committee on Stewardship.
4:15 Interest Groups as Desired.
Meeting of Boards and Committees for Organization.

EVENING

5:30 Men's Movement Dinner.
5:30 United Society of Friends' Women Dinner.
8:00 Presiding, Sumner Mills.
Addresses, "Building the Church Through Impact on Social Issues" — Clarence E. Pickett, Lewis M. Hoskins.

TUESDAY

MORNING

Topic for the morning, "Impact on Social Issues"

8:30- 9:45 Worship and Discussion Groups.
10:00-11:15 General Session for Discussion.
Raymond Wilson, Chairman; Fred Haslam; Murray C. Kenworthy.
11:25-12:00 Spiritual Message—Miriam Levering.

AFTERNOON

2:00- 4:00 Business Session.
Report of Business Committee.
Board on Public Morals.
Peace Board.
Committee on Social Order.
Volunteer Service Council.
Men's Movement.
Report on Organization of Boards and Committees.
4:15 Interest Groups as Desired.

EVENING

7:30 Presiding, Algie I. Newlin.

Address, "Building the Church Through Christian World Fellowship"—Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, Associate General Secretary, World Council of Churches.

Address, "Friends in World Fellowship"—Alexander C. Purdy.

WEDNESDAY

MORNING

Topic for the morning, "Christian World Fellowship"

8:30- 9:45 Worship and Discussion Groups.

10:00-11:15 General Session for Discussion.

Lela Mills, Chairman; Levinus K. Painter; Helen E. Walker.

11:25-12:00 Spiritual Message—Clyde Milner.

AFTERNOON

2:00- 4:00 Business Session.

Report of the Business Committee.

Report of the Committee on Organization.

Board of Missions.

United Society of Friends' Women.

Report of Committee on Messages.

4:15 Meeting of Executive Committee for Organization.

Tea on Main Floor.

Interest Groups as Desired.

EVENING

7:30 Business and Devotional Session.

World Conference of Friends in 1952.
Report of Committee on Message.
Closing Devotional Period.
Music by Earlham College Choir — Leonard Holvik, Director.
Presiding, the Presiding Clerk.
Message—D. Elton Trueblood.
Visiting Friends in Participation.
Adjournment.

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James C. Matchett	Norval E. Webb

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After Norval Webb, presiding clerk, read the opening minute, he used verses from Chapter 12 of the Epistle of Paul to the Romans as a basis for meditation. If our worship is intelligent; if we present ourselves as living sacrifices laid before Him; if our love is genuine, motivated by Christian love; then we are ready to take the offensive to overcome evil with good. At the close of the silence, Norman Young led in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

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Oneita Jefferis, Route 1, New Castle, Indiana.
Homer Biddlecum, 212 S. Oak, Traverse City, Michigan.
Robert Schockney, Route 3, Rockford, Ohio.

Karl Elliott, 4421 S. Lafayette St., Fort Wayne, Indiana.
Albert Bohnert, 502 N. Wood, Greenfield, Indiana.
Francis C. Brown, 57 N. Main, West Milton, Ohio.
Norval Webb, 25 S. 15th St., Richmond, Indiana.
Edith Cope, 412 S.W. 5th St., Richmond, Indiana.
John Compton, 1006 Bethel, Muncie, Indiana.
Kenneth Pickering, 110 S. E Street, Winchester, Indiana.

Alternates

Omer Smith, Route 2, Hagerstown, Indiana.
Delmar Mock, 513 S. Water, Jonesboro, Indiana.
Mary Dempsey, 1103 S. Adams, Marion, Indiana.
David Griffis, Spiceland, Indiana.
Emory Dill, Route 3, Greentown, Indiana.
Vera Garberdail, Spencerville, Ohio.
Harold Barnes, Fountain City, Indiana.
Thomas Kelsay, R. R. 1, Amboy, Indiana.
Ruby Davis, 27½ N.W. 7th, Richmond, Indiana.
Robert M. Jones, 700 Haines St., Muncie, Indiana.
Fred W. Wright, Farmland, Indiana.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Orval H. Cox, William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Richard P. Newby, 4421 Abbott Ave., S. Minneapolis 10, Minn.
Charles S. Ball, William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Roy S. Williams, 813 North C St., Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Paul Baiotto, Arnolds Park, Iowa.
Athena Mortimer, Stockport, Iowa.
Hester Parsons, 411 North 15th St., Marshalltown, Iowa.
Orlando Dick, 615 East 13th St., Des Moines, Iowa.
Charles Wood, New Providence, Iowa.
Guilford Street, New Providence, Iowa.

Bernard White, 216 Riverview Drive, Decorah, Iowa.
Taylor Guthrie, West Branch, Iowa.

Alternate

Naomi Olson, Hesper, Iowa.

JAMAICA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Noel Palmer, 11 Caledonia Ave., Crossroads P. O., Jamaica, B.W.I.
Martha Miller, Friends Educational Council, Claremont, Highgate P. O., St. Mary, Jamaica, B.W.I.
Frances Cunningham, Highgate Friends Church, Highgate P. O., Jamaica, B.W.I.
Keturah Salmon, French Ave., Port Antonio, Jamaica, B.W.I.
Jack D. Evans, Friends Educational Council, Highgate P. O., Jamaica, B.W.I.

Alternate

Gladys Jones, Stone Haven, Hectors River, Jamaica, B.W.I.

MEXICO YEARLY MEETING

Delegate

Oralia Balboa de Gonzalez, Cuidad Victoria, Mexico.

NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Dale V. Benton, 341 Dallas N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico.
Vivian S. Watson, Central City, Nebraska.
Vern Ellis, Chinle, Arizona.
F. Ernest Allen, Hay Springs, Nebraska.
Roscoe B. Townsend, Plainview, Nebraska.

T. Clio Brown, 111 N. Walnut, Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Ella Tappana, 1636 W. Cucharras, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

George I. Bliss, 130 Brattle St., Cambridge 38, Mass.
Mabel G. Bailey, 160 N. Main St., West Hartford 7, Conn.
Milton H. Hadley, R.F.D. 3, Freeport, Maine.
Arthur Jones, Winthrop, Maine.
Willard H. Ware, Salisbury St., Holden, Mass.
Winnifred Barrett, Whitcomb Avenue, Littleton, Mass.
Winslow H. Osborne, 2 Thorndike Street, Concord, New Hampshire.
Thomas R. Bodine, University Club, 30 Lewis St., Hartford 3, Conn.

Alternates

Rachel A. Osborn, Harveysburg, Ohio.
Carol Smith, 26 Covell Circle, Norwood 7, Rhode Island.

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Alfred J. Henderson, Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, New York.
George A. Badgley, Maloney Road, Wappingers Falls, New York.
Delbert E. Replogle, 300 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, New Jersey.
Margaret S. Garone, 85-22 115th St., Richmond Hill, New York.
Howard L. Carey, 387 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

Florence M. Stevens, Central Avenue, Gasport, New York.
Wilbur Kamp, Poplar Ridge, New York.
Frances B. Compter, 17 Hazelton Drive, White Plains, New York.
Augustus W. Benedict, R.F.D. 2, Rome, New York.

Alternates

William W. Clark, Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, New York.
Katherine E. Cook, 450 Clinton Ave., Brooklyn, New York.
James R. Stein Jr., 249 Hooker Ave., Poughkeepsie, New York.
Vesta Stanfield, Clintondale, New York.

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Seth B. Hinshaw, Guilford College, N. C.
Sarah Cecil, Box 1427, High Point, N. C.
D. Virgil Pike, Belvidere, N. C.
Sadie Davis, 3003 Spring Garden, Greensboro, N. C.
Howard Yow, 110 W. Wilson St., Mt. Airy, N. C.
Elbert Newlin, Route 1, Greensboro, N. C.
Lawrence Williams, Yadkinville, N. C.
Luby Casey, Route 5, Goldsboro, N. C.
Dorothy Gilbert Thorne, Wilmington, Ohio.
Algie Newlin, Guilford College, N. C.
Clyde A. Milner, Guilford College, N. C.
Samuel R. Levering, Ararat, Virginia.
O. Herschel Folger, 2512 Berkley Place, Greensboro, N. C.
Robert Crow, Ararat, N. C.
Janetta Hill, 401 Evergreen Avenue, High Point, N. C.
Lalah Yow, 110 W. Wilson St., Mt. Airy, N. C.
John Pipkin, Route 1, Sophia, N. C.

Leslie Winslow, Yadkinville, N. C.
Evan Cecil, Box 1427, High Point, N. C.
Selma Mackie, 106 S. Audubon St., Goldsboro, N. C.

Alternates

Frank Long, 602 E. Beech Street, Goldsboro, N. C.
Charles Thomas, Guilford College, N. C.
Ruth Day, Guilford College, N. C.

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Glenn A. Reece, Plainfield, Indiana.
Isaac E. Woodard, Acme-Evans Milling Co., Indianapolis, Indiana.
Leland Chapman, Bloomingdale, Indiana.
Marcus Kendall, Carmel, Indiana.
Frank Hollingsworth, 341 E. Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, Illinois.
Sumner Mills, R. R. 3, Box 847R, Indianapolis 21, Indiana.
Clifford Hadley, R. R. Coatesville, Indiana.
Roscoe Smith, 607 S. Indiana Ave., Kokomo, Indiana.
Marshall Tolle, Elizabethtown, Indiana.
Mary Hiatt, Russiaville, Indiana.
Percy M. Thomas, 423 E. Main Street, Plainfield, Indiana.
Mary Alice Guyer, West York, Illinois.
Pauline Pritchard, 5937 Park Place, Hammond, Indiana.
Mabel Quigg, R. R. 5, Crawfordsville, Indiana.
Keith Kirk, R. R., Ridgefarm, Illinois.
Ruth Castle, R. R., Ridgefarm, Illinois.
Mary Evelyn Fields, R. R., Westfield, Indiana.
Norman Young, 505 N. Union St., Kokomo, Indiana.

WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING

Delegates

Bernice Hartman, Route 1, Waynesville, Ohio.

Edith L. Haines, New Burlington, Ohio.
D. Aldean Pitts, Chestnut St., Xenia, Ohio.
Bessie B. Haworth, Columbus St., Wilmington, Ohio.
Don Stanley, 876 Lafayette Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Ellen Robinson, 326 N. Walnut Street, Wilmington, Ohio.
Howard Yates, Route 3, Tellico Plains, Tennessee.
Ray Moore, Route 3, Tellico Plains, Tennessee.
Clistie Fisher, New Vienna, Ohio.
Jennie Karnes, Route 2, Greenfield, Ohio.

Alternates

De Ella Newlin, Center Street, Xenia, Ohio.
Esther McMillan, Route 3, Wilmington, Ohio.
Percy Greene, Route 1, Wilmington, Ohio.
Margaret Yates, Route 3, Tellico Plains, Tennessee.

3. Each delegation was requested to fill vacancies in representation and to report names for the Business Committee and for the Committee on Organization as soon as possible.

The Clerk instructed the Committee on Organization to nominate clerks to serve the Five Years Meeting and to make other nominations as necessary and instructed the Business Committee to attend to those matters referred to it. Persons appointed to these committees by California Yearly Meeting were requested to serve as convenors. Names of members follow:

Organization	*Yearly Meeting*	*Business*
Jeanette Hadley	Baltimore	Thomas W. Y. Clark
Glen Rinard	California	Oscar O. Marshburn
Olga Wiltse	Canada	Fred Haslam
Caesar Ortiz	Cuba	Miguel Tamayo
Karl Elliott	Indiana	Murray C. Johnson
Tomasi Lung'aho	East Africa	Tomasi Lung'aho
Orval H. Cox	Iowa	Paul Baiotto
Frances Cunningham	Jamaica	Martha Miller
Oralia Balboa de Gonzalez	Mexico	Oralia Balboa de Gonzalez

Dale V. Benton	Nebraska	Vern Ellis
Winnifred Barrett	New England	Winslow H. Osborne
Alfred J. Henderson	New York	Delbert Replogle
Algie Newlin	North Carolina	Seth Hinshaw
Mabel Quigg	Western	Roscoe Smith
Edith Haines	Wilmington	Howard Yates

4. Names of appointed visitors from London Yearly Meeting, Ireland, Philadelphia and Baltimore (Stony Run) were read, and these Friends welcomed.

London Yearly Meeting: Alfred W. Braithwaite, M. Millior Braithwaite, Ranjit M. Chetsingh, Robert Davis Howard A. Diamond, Elizabeth Diamond, Mary Protheroe, Paul D. Sturge, Elfrida Vipont Foulds, Richard S. Rowntree, Lewis E. Waddilove.

Ireland Yearly Meeting: Norah Douglas, Barbara Wigham.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: Thomas and Anna B. Brown, Charles J. and Eleanor Darlington, William and Julia T. Eves, Thomas A. and Eliza A. Foulke, Caroline N. Jacob, Edward M. and Esther Holmes Jones, J. Barclay and Anna Harvey Jones, Mary Hoxie Jones, Lawrence McK. Miller, Jr., Richmond P. and Alice Miller, Emmor and Marion C. Roberts, Howard G. Jr. and Mary R. Taylor, Ruth R. Vail, James F. and Alice B. Walker, George A. Walton.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting (Stony Run): John M. Sexton, Marshall O. Sutton.

Minutes were read from the Ireland Yearly Meeting for Philip H. Harding; from Sweden Yearly Meeting for Erik Bergman, presiding clerk, Inga Bergman, and Elsa Cedergren; from the Netherlands Yearly Meeting for Dirk H. Meynen and Tia Meynen.

Minutes had been received from Philadelphia for William Bacon Evans; from Ireland for Edmund W. Lamb;

and from Newberg Monthly Meeting in Oregon for Levi T. and Rebecca Pennington.

Other Friends present from other Yearly Meetings were welcomed: Horace and Laurette Stubbs from the recently united New York Yearly Meeting; Janet Payne Whitney and Emma Cadbury from Philadelphia; Lewis Hoskins, Oregon and American Friends Service Committee; Sylvanus Haworth, Oregon; Paul Sekiya and Yukio Irie from Japan; William W. and Catherine Jones Cadbury, for many years missionaries in China; and Dorothy Pitman from Friends Mission in Africa.

The following Friends from Kansas Yearly Meeting were welcomed: Daniel W. Binford, Luis Casado, Vera Casado, Miguel Casado, Pauline Casado, Isabel Crabb, Lloyd Cressman, Bertha Cressman, Harley Davis, Dora Davis, Fred Hoyt, Alta Hoyt, Margaret Joy, Everett Kellum, Ruth Kellum, Maxine Bond Lamb, Macy Lewis, John A. Ross and Harold Walker.

5. Homer J. Coppock, Chairman of the Program Committee, reported briefly on arrangements made and called attention to details of the program for the 1955 sessions.

6. Errol T. Elliott submitted three recommendations made by the Executive Council. Each of these was approved.

(1) The Committee on Faith and Practice as appointed by the Five Years Meeting in 1950 was asked to serve as a committee on reference and counsel as the Yearly Meetings were taking action on their disciplinary provisions. It is recommended by the Executive Council that that committee be discontinued.

(2) The Executive Council recommends that in the appointment of Clerks of the Five Years Meeting, the new appointees be named early in the sessions and that they take their positions as Clerks at the end rather than at the beginning of the sessions, continuing through the quinquennium and

through the following sessions, when their successors will be appointed.

(3) The names of Friends who are to be remembered by Memorials to the sessions of the Five Years Meeting shall be listed in the Minutes with their former connection to Five Years Meeting interests but without a full statement since these already appear in their respective Yearly Meeting Minutes.

7. In preparation for the carfeul discussion to follow in sessions on Friday morning, Errol T. Elliott outlined the steps in the development of the plan for the reorganization of the Five Years Meeting and called attention to the principal recommendations made in it.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REORGANIZATION

More than one hundred years ago American evangelical Friends began searching for some kind of association through which they might cultivate more of a sense of society and do more effective work. Early conferences were not productive and serious calls by Western Yearly Meeting were unheeded. Finally, in 1887 the first quinquennial conference occured, in response to a call a year earlier by Indiana Yearly Meeting.

In 1902 a uniform discipline was adopted and the Five Years Meeting was organized at a conference in Indianapolis. After fifty years of experience, the Five Years Meeting has come to a time of crucial need for self-analysis, evaluation, and reorganization. A series of smaller working conferences beginning in 1952 resulted in an Evaluation Conference in April, 1953. The findings of that conference were forwarded to the Executive Council of the Five Years Meeting which gave them thorough review and united with many of the concerns, forwarding them in turn to the Yearly Meetings for consideration, in a booklet entitled "A Forward Look". The Executive Council also created a Committee on Reorganization for further study and report.

In April, 1954, the Executive Council held a conference at which the Committee reported. This report was received with great interest. It was analyzed and modified, then referred back for further study, and some of the proposals forwarded for consideration by the Yearly Meetings. Following response by the Yearly Meetings and further report of the Committee on Reorganization, the Executive Council in its annual meeting in April 1955 approved that the following recommendations be forwarded to the Five Years Meeting in session for action.

I PLAN FOR TRIENNIAL MEETING

A. *It is recommended that the general sessions, formerly held every fifth year, occur every third year.*

B. *It is recommended that the full name of the Five Years Meeting be changed to (incorporated as) "The Triennial Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends" and that for convenience it be designated legally and in literature as "Friends Triennial Meeting".*

Explanatory Notes:

Support for the proposal for more frequent sessions has grown steadily for fifteen years. The desire for more frequent general sessions arises from a need for more widespread participation, in maintaining a clear sense of direction, in giving shape to spiritual concerns, in establishing goals, and in determining major policies and programs of united action.

It is hoped that this move will be accompanied by a determination to use the general triennial session for clarifying concerns, goals, policies and programs.

This plan for triennial meetings arises because of:

1. The swift movement of world events and their impact on the spiritual climate.
2. The need for closer contact between Friends who are preparing literature, selecting missionaries and other leaders, training future leaders, and directing other united activities, and others who are concerned with our spiritual vitality.
3. The need for the vitality and strength that come through understanding, unity, and cooperation.
4. The need on the part of our workers that they have strong, dedicated support at home so that they may labor enthusiastically in the knowledge that they are, in truth, doing "our work."
5. The special need for Yearly Meetings in the States and in Cuba, Africa, and Jamaica to share in spiritual fellowship, unite in concern and commitment, and cooperate in shaping programs of united action.

The Representative Method

C. *It is recommended that the triennial Meeting use the historic rep-*

resentative system for Yearly Meeting representation instead of the delegate system.

Explanatory Note:

The delegate system is primarily used in political and other parliamentary groups. In this procedure, a person may be delegated with specific responsibilities and charges. As practiced in the Five Years Meeting it implies that only delegates are expected to act on decisions. The representative on the other hand is free to participate in group guidance and search for a common sense of the Meeting. This is in line with Quaker principles and practice. The representative method allows a wider member participation and permits more freedom of spirit in the representatives as they seek for guidance in reaching a meeting of minds on matters before the triennial Meeting. This move should facilitate the growth of a sense of being involved and committed on the part of Friends.

The present quota of representation from each Yearly Meeting for participation in a travel pool should be retained. Additional representatives may be appointed by Yearly Meetings with the understanding that they would not participate in the travel pool.

Safeguards against undue influence by a local area where the sessions are held can be provided by use of the Business Committee and by referring major issues to meetings of the representatives (those who are appointed on the proportionate basis and share in the pool) for recommendation. This practice operates successfully at the Yearly Meeting level.

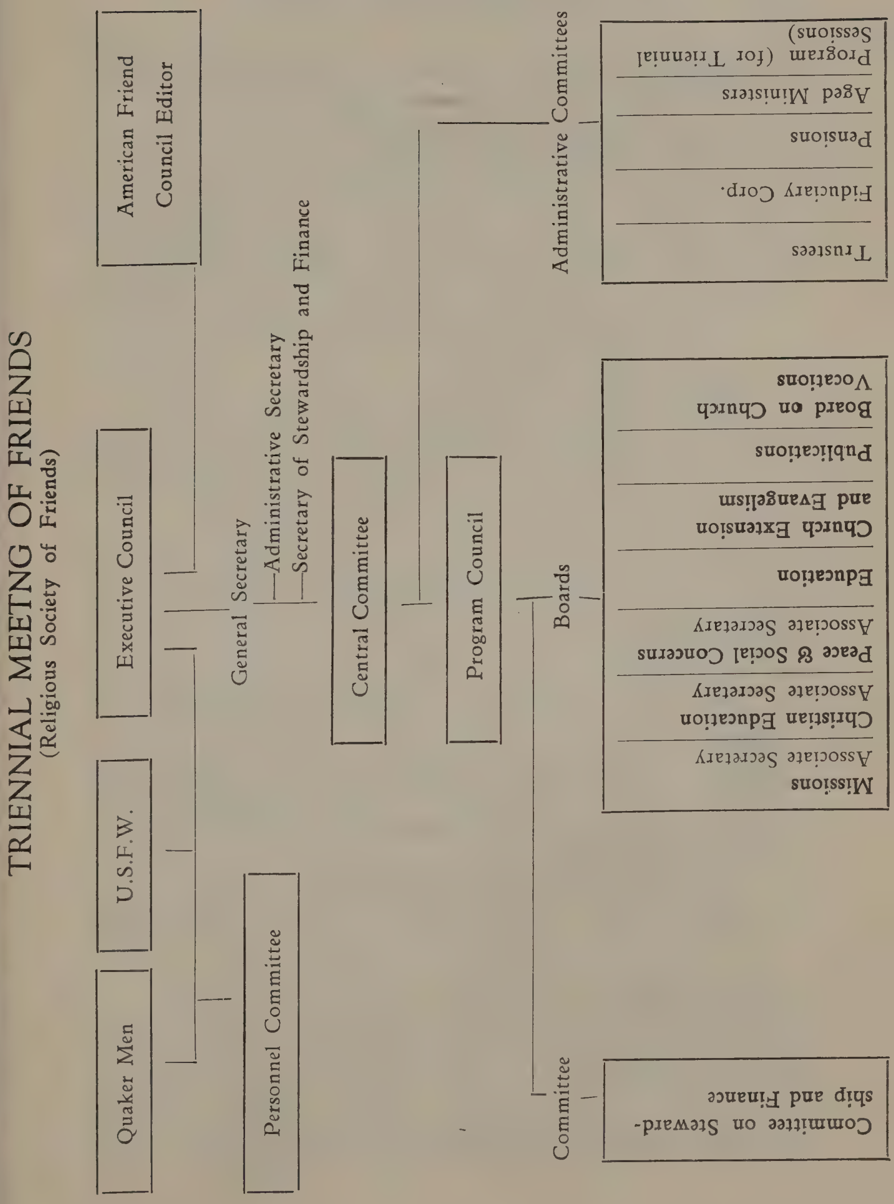
D. It is recommended that the sessions be rotated among accessible and adequate places, with the Executive Council determining what locations meet these requirements.

II THE PLAN OF ORGANIZATION FOR THE TRIENNIAL MEETING OF FRIENDS

The diagram herewith gives a general picture of the proposed pattern of organizational structure for the triennial Meeting. Only changes from present practice are included in the following recommendations and explanations.

The Executive Council

We have given much thought to the composition of the Executive Council because of its importance in the organizational structure of the triennial Meeting. It combines, in our minds, the functions comparable to those carried on by the Permanent Board and the Executive Committee of a Yearly Meeting.


TRIENNIAL MEETNG OF FRIENDS
(Religious Society of Friends)
Quaker Men
U.S.F.W.
Executive Council
American Friend
Council Editor
Personnel Committee
General Secretary
—Administrative Secretary
—Secretary of Stewardship and Finance
Central Committee
Program Council
Committee
Boards
Administrative Committees
Committee on Stewardship and Finance
Missions
Associate Secretary
Christian Education
Associate Secretary
Peace & Social Concerns
Associate Secretary
Education
Church Extension
and Evangelism
Publications
Board on Church
Vocations
Trustees
Fiduciary Corp.
Pensions
Aged Ministers
Program (for Triennial
Sessions)

A. *It is recommended that representation on the Executive Council be as follows:*

1	Presiding Clerk of the triennial Meeting
6	One representative from each Board
1	One person to represent young Friends
14	One representative or an alternate from each Yearly Meeting regardless of whether members of a given Yearly Meeting are on the Council in other capacities. Three of these would be appointed by Cuba, Jamaica and East Africa Yearly Meetings, but since distance would preclude their attendance ordinarily, they would be corresponding members except at such times as they might be in the U.S.A.
1	Representative of the Trustees
1	One representative from Quaker Men
1	One representative from the United Society of Friends Women
1	One representative from the American Friends Service Committe who is also a member of the triennial Meeting
26	

Secretaries of the triennial Meeting and its Boards should attend as non-members.

Explanatory Note:

The total of 26 members is the same as presently provided for by the same categories. However, only 23 members would be regularly attending, which would hold down expense in view of more frequent meetings. Representation from Yearly Meetings is the largest single category of members. The suggestion of one representative or an alternate from each Yearly Meeting regardless of representation in other capacities is also for this purpose.

B. *It is recommended that Yearly Meeting secretaries or superintendents attend as members without expense to the Council, with the suggestion that they consider pooling expenses.*

Expanatory Note:

At present they may attend as non-members. We believe that Yearly Meetings, because of their organizational tie with the triennial Meeting, should consider it a duty of their Executive Secretary or Superintendent to attend Executive Council Meetings. This will strengthen Yearly Meeting representation and should result in a closer correlation between Yearly Meeting activity and that of the triennial

Meeting and increase cooperation and understanding. Approval of this recommendation could bring the total members of the Council to 36.

C. *It is recommended that Yearly Meetings consider in their appointment to the Executive Council someone close to the inner working of the Yearly Meeting, such as Presiding Clerk.*

Explanation:

Such an appointment will help unite, interpret, and promote the united services.

D. *It is recommended that there be two meetings of the Executive Council each year, one in April and one in October.*

Explanation:

Two meetings will increase the opportunity for closer ties with the Yearly Meetings, give the Council more time for consideration of program and make possible the proposed steps for preparing the United Budget.

Board on Church Vocations

E. *It is recommended that there be established a Board on Training for Church Vocations. The Board would consist of one member appointed from each of the Yearly Meetings. In addition there would be one member appointed from each of the following: The Board on Christian Education, The American Friends Board of Missions, the Young Friends Department, and the Board of Education and three members at large to be nominated by the Board to the Executive Council.*

The area of work covered by this Board would be as follows:

1. Recruit and train workers for full time church related vocations, with special reference to the ministry.
2. Maintain contact with students during their education.
3. Have charge of student loan funds under the direction of the Executive Council (such as the Boulder fund).
4. Seek ways to stimulate the continued training of workers already in service.
5. Prepare such publications as may be deemed necessary.
6. Assist graduating students in matters of placement in service, and advise Yearly Meeting superintendents or secretaries, college and Friends school administrators, and any others who may be seeking the service of persons with such qualifications, of their availability.
7. Maintain contacts with similar agencies of the National Council of Churches.

8. Share the concerns of this Board with Friends Secondary schools and colleges.

COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

F. *It is recommended that a Committee on Stewardship and Finance be established.* Each Board shall appoint one member on the Committee and three shall be named to it by and from the Executive Council, with special attention to experience and training which qualifies them to work with the triennial budget.

The Secretary of Stewardship and Finance shall be the Executive Secretary of this Committee.

PROGRAM COUNCIL

G. *It is recommend that members of the administrative staff serve as a Program Council.*

Explanatory Note:

It is understood that this in no way alters the present functions of the Central Committee. It is a new coordinating agency separate from the Central Committee as such. The Program Council should meet two times during the year and more if advisable. Whenever possible these meetings should immediately precede or follow a scheduled meeting of the Central Committee.

H. *It is recommended that Board and Committee projects and program materials intended for use by Friends of the triennial Meeting, and major promotional plans and staff visitation in Yearly Meeting areas be submitted to the Program Council for coordination and approval.*

Explanatory Note:

The Program Council will seek to coordinate the work of the Boards and Committees and maintain standards of quality in material and work. To avoid delays in emergency situations the Administrative Council may determine whether or not a specific project must wait for the approval of the Program Council.

It is intended that there should be a complete sharing in such matters as: special visitation to various groups of Friends, extended field work in any area by staff, conference plans (one day visits are excepted) and promotional literature. *It is not intended that the Program Council would assume responsibilities that belong essentially to departments.*

PUBLICATION OF LITERATURE

I. *It is recommended that the Publication Board publish all literature of the various Boards and Committees.*

The advantages of this arrangement will be primarily in a standardization of quality in appearance of all publications, the centralizing of printing contracts, and making it possible for the constituency to obtain all materials from a single source at the Central Offices.

J. *It is recommended that the following be employed in processing a particular publication when it is being suggested for the first time:*

1. A description and brief outline of the projected material would be submitted by the initiating body to the Program Council for approval.. The Council would then determine the method and source of financing the cost of printing and distribution.

2. The project may then be assigned to the Board or Committee best suited to prepare the content of the material.

3. The manuscript of the proposed publication would then be submitted to an Editorial Committee of the Central Office staff for review and approval.

4. When the manuscript is ready for printing it shall be turned to the Publication Board through the Business Manager for printing and distribution.

It is not intended that each issue of regularly published material, such as quarterlies, would be submitted to this process after approval has once been given to the project.

THE AMERICAN FRIEND

K. *It is recommended that an American Friend Editorial Council of six, three of whom are to be local Friends, be appointed by the Executive Council with each member serving a term of three years, the terms of one third of the members to expire each year.* The duties of the *American Friend Council* shall be (a) to nominate to the Executive Council for appointment an editor and an assistant editor; (b) to advise them on editorial policy; (c) to counsel in the business management of the paper, promotion of subscriptions, amount and content of advertising.

III THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE TRIENNIAL MEETING OF FRIENDS

The efficient administration of an organization calls for a clear understanding of responsibilities and of staff relationships. We have tried to think in terms of effectiveness through a method of administration that coordinates program and gives executive leadership where it will best serve the interests of the triennial Meeting. Our suggestions seek to make definite the assigned duties and powers of staff personnel.

We are proposing a revision of staff positions in an effort to strengthen the work done by the Central Office staff. It is our conviction that these changes will result in more efficiency and give service at points where it is most needed.

It is recommended that the following staff offices be established for the administration of the triennial Meeting of Friends:

General Secretary

Note:

(Although the Executive Council approved the recommendation to separate the office of the General Secretary from that of the Editor of the *American Friend,* it felt that for financial reasons, the time had not yet come for this to be put into practice).

Explanatory Note:

The person in this office would serve as the Executive of the triennial Meeting and be appointed by that body upon the recommendation from the Executive Council, to serve for a term of three years. This person would be responsible to the Executive Council. The General Secretary would be primarily a field person with freedom to travel among Friends, visiting Yearly Meetings, going to conferences, and generally giving inspiration and encouragement to Friends wherever way opens.

The duties of this office shall include:

1. Being the general Exceutive of the Central Offices
2. Interpreting the program and concerns of Friends of the triennial Meeting
3. Giving a sense of direction to the entire program; act as secretary to the Program Committee for the triennial sessions.
4. Representing the triennial Meeting in interdenominational organizations where executive representation is expected.
5. Keeping in touch with the Boards, Committees, and other agencies of Friends, so as to provide better guidance and direction to the work of our organizations.
6. Serving as Executive Secretary to the Executive Council.
7. With the help of the Administrative Secretary, give as much assistance as can be afforded to Boards and Committees without staff personnel.

Administrative Secretary

The person in this office would be appointed by the Executive

Council in consultation with the General Secretary and be responsible to the Council through the General Secretary. This person would be an assistant to the General Secretary. The work would be confined primarily to the office, and include the following specific duties:

A. As assistant to the General Secretary

1. Executive Secretary to the Program Council to coordinate program and field work
2. To serve as chairman of the Administrative Council
3. To be editor of *Quaker Action*
4. To assist the General Secretary in carrying out his duties, attending Boards and Committees, coordinating staff and work at Central Offices.

B. As supervisor of business management:

We suggest that the Administrative Secretary have as his principal assistant a *Business Manager* to carry out the following responsibilities:

1. Operate the Bookstore
2. Act as purchasing agent and make business contracts
3. Have responsibility for buildings and grounds, including insurance policies and upkeep
4. Supervise bookkeeping
5. Have charge of printing and distributing of literature
6. Employ the office assistants, for bookstore, for mailing room and work room
7. Be responsible for the librarian.

The Business Manager would serve as staff person for the Publication Board, since this board is concerned with business transactions.

Secretary of Stewardship and Finance

This person would do a great amount of field work with special qualifications for assisting in methods of raising funds for all phases of Friends work. He would be appointed by the Executive Council in consultation with the General Secretary and the Committee on Stewardship and Finance and would be responsible to the Executive Council through these two. While he would be working for the interests of all departments of the Five Years Meeting, he would not as a promotion secretary be responsible to all Boards and Committees for representing their interests on the field. It is obvious, however, that he would need to be fully acquainted with Board programs and financial needs.

The duties of this office shall include:

1. Serving as Executive Secretary to the Committee on Stewardship and Finance.

2. Interpreting to Friends of the triennial Meeting the opportunities they have for service and the strength of their cooperative work.
3. Training local meeting workers in the principles and techniques of raising money for financing the local meeting and for other Christian work. (This would be done in area training conferences or by such other methods as proved effective.)
4. Directing promotional projects as developed in the Committee on Stewardship and Finance.
5. Directing and supervising the raising of funds for the United Services Budget.
6. Cooperating in the field programs of Boards when this will be effective in achieving the above objectives.

Associate Secretaries of Boards

It is recommended that the Executive Secretaries of Boards be called Associate Secretary of the Triennial Meeting of Friends for (Missions, etc.) For general use the title Secretary for Missions, etc., will be used. This describes their office as associated with that of the General Secretary in carrying out the work of the triennial Meeting of Friends. While they are nominated by and are responsible to their respective Boards, all Secretaries and all Boards are expected to function within the organizational structure and purposes of the triennial Meeting. The General Secretary, as executive officer of the triennial Meeting will be expected to counsel, guide, and coordinate Board activities.

IV FINANCES AND BUDGET

Recommendations:

A. *That the fiscal year begin January* 1, *and end December* 31. *Two main advantages are seen in this change*: namely, avoidance of having to operate a portion of a month without a budget as in present practice and to gain direct participation by Yearly Meetings in the making of the annual budget.

B. *That the following procedure be adopted in making up the budget*:
   (a) The setting of a three year financial goal by each triennial Meeting.
   (b) The preparation by the Committee on Stewardship and Finance, for presentation to the Executive Council in April, of a proposed annual budget following the receipt of Board askings.

(c) The submission of the proposed budget to Yearly Meetings in their annual sessions by personal consultation or through official bodies, together with an explanation of the program of the triennial Meeting. The Yearly Meetings will then have opportunity to indicate a stated goal, or portion, of the budget to raise in any way they see fit with help and guidance from the Committee on Stewardship and Finance.

(d) The report of the Yearly Meeting's commitments to the Committee on Stewardship and Finance from which they would prepare a working budget based on these commitments and other considerations to be submitted for approval to the Executive Council in October. This final budget would then become the annual operating budget, beginning the following January.

SUPPLEMENT TO THE REPORT ON REORGANIZATION

The following recommendations have been approved in principle by the Executive Council, but it was not felt that the time is appropriate for putting them into practice. They are added as a supplement to the reorganization report with the recommendation that they be approved in principle by the Five Years Meeting.

A. It is recommended that the office of General Secretary be separated from that of the Editor of *The American Friend*.

B. It is recommended pursuant to the approval of the report on reorganization that the provisions therein become effective as rapidly as personnel adjustments will permit and that the plan function for a period of three years before the provisions be made permanent. This will provide a testing period and give opportunity to make such adjustments as experience indicates are needed with the possibility of reviewing the plan at the first triennial sessions following their adoption.

The session adjourned.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20
7:30 P.M.

8. In the evening session Homer J. Coppock presided; Norman Young led the meeting in the singing of "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee;" D. Elton Trueblood spoke on the sub-

ject, "The Vocation of Friends in the Christian Cause." He read the last few verses in the Ninth Chapter of Matthew: "And Jesus went about all the cities and villeges teaching in their synagogues . . . Then saith he unto his disciples, 'The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few'." and indicated the chief parts: the presence of crowds, their confused and harassed state, the call for volunteers, drawing comparisons with the present.

"There is an openness we have not known for years," he said. "The time is now. Lift up your eyes to see how the fields are ripe for the harvest. Yet, many are misguided—their religion becomes an ingrown, self-regarding religion, and any who have a sense of vital Christianity have both power and responsibility. There are many persons in the world today looking for a faith with an inner depth and outer sensitiveness to human ills—a faith without trimmings—and Friends need a new perception of their vocation in the present situation.

"Our own danger is that we are fragmentary, for in Quakcrism there are three emphases: that in revivalism, that in mysticism, and that in peaceism. Each is good, but each is weak in separation and dangerous alone. There is a totality in our calling.

"In the new day following Oxford and Evanston, we must see our calling in the light of the world church, a vocation not for the sake of Friends but for the sake of Christ's Kingdom in the world—the past is prologue. We are called to demonstrate, to consecrate, and to penetrate. The most important thing for the Christian cause is to make each meeting a little fellowship of men and women who demonstrate the life of Christ in fellowship, who have a first hand sense of the Lord and Savior and consecrate their lives to him, and are ready to penetrate politics, labor, the schools, the professions through the power of their faith. We are called to be a society of Demonstrators, Consecrators, and Penetrators. Then let us face Christ calling us to a bigger work than we suspect. Then small as the Society is, the whole Christian cause will be different because we have existed and have been faithful. If we understand our vocation, we shall raise our sights."

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21
9:00 A.M.

9. "Holy, Holy, Holy" was the opening hymn.

Elfrida V. Foulds spoke, saying —

"Friends, we have come together in joy of fellowship with one another and with burning love in our hearts have cried 'Holy, Holy, Holy.' May this moment in our lives be expressed in love and service to our fellowmen which will draw them closer to God. May that message go on singing in our earthly lives until we see Him face to face and know that in his presence there is fullness of joy."

Thomas E. Jones prayed that we may be gathered and united by the spirit of Christ. "Save us from ourselves and our age. Make our hearts new and fill us with a fresh sense of thy glory."

Bessie B. Haworth and Ray Morford expressed the belief that we shall take on new life and move forward, penetrating the world. Oralia de Gonzalez (Mexico), came in testimony to thank the Lord that He has been with Friends in Mexico through difficulties, and Miguel Tamayo (Cuba), spoke of the change in life made by the power of God.

Minutes of the Thursday sessions were read and accepted.

10. Errol T. Elliott opened the discussion of the Re-

organization, speaking of the importance of infusing organization with genuine religious feeling.

Charles F. Thomas, Chairman of the Committee, explained the function of the Committee in bringing together many suggestions and plans, clarifying them, and giving them organization. The first purpose of the plan is to draw Friends into closer fellowship, giving opportunity for wider participation; the second is to coordinate the work of Central Committee, Executive Council and Central Offices.

David Henley, Leonard Hall, and Charles Thomas responded to the questions raised. Discussion was opened by Janet Payne Whitney (Philadelphia) who asked whether the feeling of the meeting or the opinion of the majority would prevail in making decisions.

William Clark asked for clarification of the procedure in dealing with important business decisions needing study and careful consideration. The reply was that such matters would tend to be discussed by the representative body, but that final decisions would be in the hands of the Five Years Meeting in session. Items going to the representatives would be referred by the sessions of the Five Years Meeting.

The possibility of holding conferences between sessions of the Five Years Meeting was mentioned by Guilford Street. It was felt that action on policy matters could not be taken by conferences but would require the full session.

George Badgley asked whether boards and committees could rotate and the Five Years Meeting continue to meet in one place. "It is valuable for the whole body to meet in various places. The Five Years Meeting is the people," said Charles Thomas.

Richard Newby asked for clarification of a three year financial policy. Charles Thomas explained the method by which budgets would be formulated and adopted.

Augustus Benedict raised the question as to whether the function of the program council would be consultation or control. David Henley responded, saying that this was an effort to obtain a new degree of teamwork level in Quakerly group procedure. Its purpose is to make possible the consultation between Central Committee and staff and boards to carry out the will and the decisions of the Five Years Meeting.

Lewis Savage suggested United Society of Friends as a name.

Thomas Clark called attention to the statement that superintendents and executive secretaries of the yearly meetings were to become regular members of the Executive Council rather than attenders. The Committee on Reorganization felt that there was a definite need for the participation of the persons closest to the yearly meeting programs.

Algie Newlin asked whether the Committee had given consideration to the time for holding sessions. Errol T. Elliott mentioned the difficulty of finding the adequate place as well as the suitable time. Neither should influence the reorganization plan, and those should remain flexible for awhile.

David Stanfield (North Carolina) raised the question,—How does the reorganization plan distribute responsibility? The reply given by David Henley was that with more frequency in meeting, greater understanding would result in greater participation and that Executive Council, board members, and staff would be more keenly conscious of planning within the yearly meetings.

Merle Davis expressed the wish that sessions be more fully devoted to the business of the Five Years Meeting, so that all may enter vitally into business, and questioned the wisdom of making secretaries associate secretaries rather than administrative secretaries.

Herbert Huffman said, "The Five Years Meeting is at a turning point. This is a period of great religious expansion, yet the Society of Friends is doing no more than holding its own. This plan represents an attempt to improve techniques of our work; the intention is not toward authority, but toward the sharing of aspirations and responsibilities among all Friends and the marshalling of our resources. This is not time for retreat."

Thomas Bodine (New England) remarked that the decisions being made were similar to those of 1950, saying, "Now in the same spirit we can go forward into a whole new era beyond our hopes and dreams."

Jeanette Hadley (Baltimore) continued this feeling as she said, "We as Friends are facing a future in which we want God's will done," and Glen Switzer (California) said, "We need to take Elton Trueblood's message seriously so that we raise our sights, accept this challenge, and, with guidance from God, go forward."

Paul Baiotto discussed the necessity of studying yearly meeting giving and the matter of centralization of power. Members, rather than those already in office, need to share responsibility. Perhaps the lack of leadership comes from a loss of zeal and a lack of the evangelical emphasis placed upon Christianity from the beginning; until there is a true spiritual revival, we shall not go very far with the plans and organizations.

Jack Evans spoke of the pleasure of Jamaican Friends in being present. "This is indeed a great revelation of what the family of the Society of Friends is."

Ruthanna Hadley expressed the concern that united action could become truly effective only if it were carried back into the monthly meetings; she also encouraged Friends to use their newer members to add the strength and vigor sometimes needed by "traditional" Friends.

Oralia Gonzalez spoke through her interpreter saying, "We will go forward to obtain the soul's perfection; we are not to follow our will but the will of God."

11. The Clerk expressed the feeling of the meeting that approval of the Plan for Reorganization was sufficiently general so that it could be referred to the Business Committee with three reservations: the name, the designation of secretaries as associate rather than administrative, and the status of yearly meeting secretaries or superintendents on the Executive Council. The meeting gave its approval to referring the report to the Business Committee.

12. During the session gifts to the East Main Street Meeting and to the Five Years Meeting were presented by Friends of Mexico and Ramallah and thanks returned.

13. The following Friends were welcomed: Milo and Alice Ross, Oregon; Harold and Ann Kuhn, Ohio (Damascus); Walter R. Williams, Ohio (Damascus).

14. Freda Hadley based the devotional message upon the passage in II Timothy in which Paul warns against those who though they keep up a form of religion, will have nothing to do with it as a force. We must not mistake the form of worship for the living spiritual force which must be free to flow through it in an ever living stream. In each of us and in each meeting there are undeveloped areas of the spirit which can be changed and deepened as we feel the living force, as we learn to

know God better. May this Five Years Meeting contribute to strengthen the stream until the whole is flowing, strong in truth, in goodness, and in love.

At the close of the period Ellen P. Robinson sang, "Come Unto Me, All Ye That Labor."

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

2:00 P. M.

15. During the session, the following visiting Friends were recognized: Charles J. and Eleanor C. Darlington, Philadelphia; Irving and Jean C. Hollingshead, Philadelphia; Mary Protheroe, London Yearly Meeting; Florence Yarnall, Philadelphia; Paul S. Lippincott, Jr., Philadelphia; Herbert Nicholson, Philadelphia and Japan; Elwood Cronk, Philadelphia; Adolphus Harvey, Philadelphia; Mary Hoxie Jones, Philadelphia; Gladys Jones. Jamaica.

The clerk conveyed greetings received from Harold and Winifred Lamb (Ireland), Elizabeth Hazard (New York Yearly Meeting) and Banes Monthly Meeting in Cuba.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

16. Errol T. Elliott opened the memorial period by speaking of the Five Years Meeting as the lengthened shadow of the lives of these Friends who have lived and worked within it.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

VERNON L. BROWN, devoted Friend serving on the American Friends Board of Missions.

LINDLEY D. CLARK, for many years a member of the Executive Council of the Five Years Meeting.

EDWARD F. RAIFORD, Clerk of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and a member of the Executive Council of the Five Years Meeting.

CALIFORNIA YEARLY MEETING

GURNEY BINFORD, giving life-long service as a missionary in Japan.

HENRY EDWIN MCGREW, Friends pastor in Oregon and California, beloved President of William Penn College, member of the Board of Education of the Five Years Meeting.

KHALIL TOTAH, long-time principal of Friends Boys School in Ramallah, Jordan, and later member of Whittier Friends Meeting in California.

WILLARD O. TRUEBLOOD, Friends pastor in Indiana and California, Five Years Meeting minister and visitor, and in earlier years of his ministry serving the Young Friends Movement.

CUBA YEARLY MEETING

DONA TEODOSIA CABERA and EUGENIO HERNANDEZ, distinguished and beloved members of the Friends Meeting in Gibara.

EAST AFRICA YEARLY MEETING

DAVID LIVAHA, PETER AMULIOTO, MIRIAM AMAGOVE, CHARLES MALOVI, JACOB KHAVUJI and SARA NAMAKEMO, whose devoted Christian services in various ways including leadership in monthly meetings have meant so much in the expanding work of the Yearly Meeting in East Africa.

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING

LOUIS B. CAMPBELL, businessman who gave of his talents locally, to Indiana Yearly Meeting, and to the Board of Trustees and the Board of Missions of the Five Years Meeting.

CARRIE HAYS DAVIS, a faithful and concerned Friend who together with her husband, Merle Davis, served as a missionary in Cuba.

TRUMAN KENWORTHY, Friends minister and Yearly Meeting Superintendent who helped to set up the Five Years Meeting.

NELLIE HODGIN MARKLE, long and actively associated with the Five Years Meeting Board on Christian Education.

AMY JOHNSON MARVEL, active in Friends women's affairs and missions, generous in hospitality.

HOMER L. MORRIS, former Earlham teacher, active in the American Friends Service Committee, a widely-travelled Quaker ambassador, member of the Executive Council of the Five Years Meeting.

ANCIL E. RATLIFF, active in the Yearly Meeting and in

Fairmount Friends Academy and for many years a member of the Board on Christian Education.

E. HARRISON SCOTT, long a member of the Publication Board and the Trustees.

PAULINE G. TRUEBLOOD, combining a concern for the Christian ministry of women of the Five Years Meeting and of the Society of Friends with a devotion to her family and Meeting.

CHARLES WOODMAN, for twenty-three years pastor of the West Richmond Meeting, a widely-known Quaker author and member of the American Friends Board of Missions.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING

CLARENCE HINSHAW, active locally and on the Board of Missions of the Five Years Meeting.

HELEN NEWLIN KINDEL, Friends missionary in Africa who died at the height of her useful service.

NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING

MILLARD V. POWELL, pastor and superintendent in Nebraska Yearly Meeting, member of the American Friends Board of Missions.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

LINDLEY M. BINFORD, active in his local Oak Street Meeting in Portland, Maine, Yearly Meeting Clerk, member of the Executive Council of the Five Years Meeting.

LELIA S. MARSTALLER, active member of the local Meeting and the United Society of Friends Women, known to many Friends through her poetry.

GEORGE G. WOLKINS, faithful treasurer of New England Yearly Meeting for twenty-one years, auditor for thirty, member of the American Friends Board of Missions.

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING

CHARLES GILPIN COOK, well known teacher of chemistry whose active interest in missions continued from the beginning of the Friends Africa Mission in 1902 through his years of service on the American Friends Board of Missions.

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING

HELEN TITSWORTH BINFORD, co-worker with Raymond Binford at Guilford College, active in the American Friends Service Committee, member of the Board on Christian Education.

RAYMOND BINFORD, teacher, college president, scientist, minister of the gospel and spiritual leader in the Society of Friends, member of the Executive Council and the Board of Education of the Five Years Meeting.

ADELAIDE HOLE, who with her husband, Edgar T. Hole, pioneered in opening up the mission field for Friends in East Africa.

ELBERT RUSSELL, beloved teacher, well-known author, minister to the Society of Friends at large, Johnson Lecturer at the 1950 Five Years Meeting sessions.

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

MARK W. COVERT, a member of Indianapolis Meeting who gave counsel in accounting and financial matters freely to local and Five Years Meeting Friends groups.

MURRAY S. KENWORTHY, active in Friends work for over fifty years as a pastor, Yearly Meeting Secretary, American Friends Service Committee worker, member of the American Friends Board of Missions and serving in other Five Years Meeting connections.

MARY PICKETT, Friends missionary in Mexico and Cuba for nearly thirty years.

WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING

HADLEY KELSEY, devoted member of the Pension Committee of the Five Years Meeting.

MARY MILLS, a Friend of broad concern for the spiritual welfare of the Society of Friends, Reading Clerk of the Five Years Meeting.

LILLIAN HAYES PETERS, early secretary for the Young Friends Movement of the Five Years Meeting, and later active among Friends in other ways.

Business was resumed, the inspiration of these lives actively present with us.

17. The following communication from Nebraska Yearly Meeting was read and referred to the Business Committee.

The Nebraska Yearly Meeting of Friends, in session June 8-12, 1955, voiced a deep concern that we recommend to the Five Years Meeting of Friends, that due consideration by that body be given to withdrawal from both the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches.

DALE V. BENTON, *Clerk*

18. Errol T. Elliott called attention to the printed report of the Executive Council.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE FIVE YEARS MEETING 1955

In no other period of its history has the Five Years Meeting had more interesting developments than in the five years 1950-1955.

First of all, this has been a period of anniversary observances, the three hundredth for the Society of Friends and fiftieth for the Five Years Meeting. The tidal experience of the Third World Conference of Friends held at Oxford in 1952 and the Tercentenary observance in Northwest England where the Quaker movement arose has sharpened our historical insights and stirred our imagination with what the Society of Friends might be today.

Measured in the sweep of history, the half-century of the Five Years Meeting is short indeed. Yet much has happened in those five decades, stimulated in part by the total environment of our fast-moving world and, let us believe, by the vital spiritual nature of the first idea that gave birth to the Five Years Meeting.

Though movements are not certified by buildings, yet there is evidence that the new home of the Five Years Meeting which we dedicate on October 23, exactly fifty-three years after the first Five Years Meeting session, has come as the answer to a growing sense of responsibility and concern. We have arrived at a level of fellowship and service little dreamed of in 1902. A modest observance of our golden anniversary was held October 18-19, 1952, at Richmond and there were services of recognition held by several local Meetings.

THE ADVANCE PROGRAM

After many months of preparation by the Secretaries and the Executive Council, a Five Years Program of Advance was introduced in the sessions of 1950. These were planned to include the general areas of Five Years Meeting services, linking them to the Yearly Meetings and local Meeting programs. Harold N. Tollefson was called to lead us in that program. He brought a depth of concern and insight into the spiritual nature of the Advance, and moved steadily and patiently forward with it. The Executive Council has expressed gratitude to him as he ends the service to which he was called and again enters into a service of ministry in two of our local Meetings. The idea still continues as Yearly Meetings plan ahead.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

It would not be possible or profitable to list all of the work done by the Executive Council such as the making of budgets year by year, the appointments to vacancies on committees and to other responsibilities, the approval of nominations made of members-at-large on the several Boards, problems relating to properties and the large number of other questions raised and acted upon. The Executive Council minutes, stored in the archives in the vault of the office building, preserve these together with items reported for the permanent records.

Sumner A. Mills has served as Chairman of the Executive Council for the interim, while until her death in May 1952, Nellie H. Markle served as Chairman of the Central Committee, being succeeded by Norval E. Webb. Errol T. Elliott was appointed to serve for the period as secretary to the Executive Council, the title of his office later being changed to that of General Secretary of the Five Years Meeting.

Persons were nominated to the Executive Council by the departments and appointed by the Council to serve as Executives of those departments. Charles A. Lampman succeeded Merle L. Davis as Administrative Secretary of the Board of Missions. Merle Davis had served for nineteen years, during which time the Board of Missions made important advances and gained basic financial strength in its work. Not only the Board of Missions but the Five Years Meeting is grateful to Merle Davis for his long and devoted service.

Charles Lampman came to the helm of the Board of Missions as its Administrative Secretary from a pastoral background which included service in California, New York, Kansas and Indiana Yearly Meetings. Widespread expressions of gratitude for his service from the mission fields and from American Yearly Meetings, have marked his work.

As Leonard Hall, Secretary to the Board on Christian Education, moved into the work of Secretary for Promotion and Finance for the entire Five Years Meeting work, Russell E. Rees was nominated and appointed to succeed him.

The appointment of Leonard Hall to this new function on a full time basis for promotion of Five Years Meeting work presages a new level of promotional activity. Under the tenure of Leonard Hall, the Board on Christian Education has strengthened its service to Friends. Olaf Hanson, appointed as director of the children's department, has brought her talents and training very effectively into the production of children's literature and visitation of local Meetings in the interest of children's work.

At the time of the Five Years Meeting sessions in 1950, Lawrence Peery was serving as part time director of Young Friends activities. He was succeeded by David Stanfield, also on a part time basis until Richard Faux was appointed full time, serving two years, 1952-1954. Following Richard Faux, Harold Smuck gave part-time service until the full time appointment of Wayne Carter in August, 1955.

Ernest Lamb, who has carried part-time responsibility for promotion, in addition to his service of directing fund raising for the new building and his work in Stewardship and in Evangelism, has brought rare gifts of spirit and effectiveness to his service. He has seen deeper than finances in his promotional work. Spiritual vitality and goodwill have followed his schedule of visitation. In 1954 he was appointed as Associate Secretary of the Five Years Meeting with responsibility also for coordination of the work of the departments.

Wm. Merton Scott, reappointed to the Executive Secretaryship of the Board on Peace and Social Concerns, has brought a well informed mind and a vigorous service in an unusually wide visitation among Friends. There has been, under his leadership, a renewed activity in the promotion of temperance education and an impact on other social issues.

For the Publication Board, James R. Furbay served as Director of the Friends Book and Supply House during the interim until his resignation in 1952 to accept a pastorate. He gave his attention both to the conduct of the Book Store and the distribution of Christian Education materials, making many visits to local Meetings and doing considerable publicity work through the mails.

Following the resignation of James Furbay, Alice Wagner, who had been serving in the Book Store, was appointed manager. She brought trained skill into her work, helping the Store to gear its supplies to the needs of local Meetings, particularly in the field of Christian Education, until her resignation in 1953. For the following year, Leonard Hall was asked to assume leading responsibility for the Book Store and Publications. Richard Kendall, finishing his course in Business Administration in the University of Indiana, was then appointed to assume business management for the Publication Board, and somewhat later to serve as Purchasing Agent for the entire Central Offices. In the spring of 1955 he was asked to serve as Business Manager for the Central Offices, a task involving many details increased by the move to Quaker Hill. He is ably helping us to evolve the pattern of our business responsibility - a task that has needed doing for some time.

Und.r the joint responsibility of the Publication Board and the Executive Council, Errol Elliott was asked to serve as Editor of *The American Friend* as well as General Secretary for the Five Years Meeting. The assistance given by Eleanor Zelliot to the secretary-editor has been of great value in the execution of both responsibilities.

NEW STIR OF LIFE

(1) *Reorganization Plans.* The Five Years Meeting having been organized and expanding in service for fifty years, it was to be expected that a review and reappraisal would be in order. After a half-century of "growing up" it was important to discover ways in which our services and the organization for them could be integrated at the end of a period in which departments had grown somewhat separately in response to varied needs. It was well to take a restrospective view and to understand the changing world and national climate within which the Five Years Meeting has come to a new juncture in 1955.

To this purpose a study Committee of Five was appointed in 1948. This Committee gave extended consideration to its task, reporting periodically to the Executive Council. In 1953 a Committee on Reorganization was appointed to carry forward this work. A statement was evolved by this special committee reporting to the Executive Council in 1954 and again in 1955 when their recommendations were carefully examined, revised and adapted for presentation to the sessions of the Five Years Meeting for such action as it may wish. (The statement of recommendations appears on pages 14-25.)

It is not necessary here to accent the work of all departments;

their reports are elsewhere in these pages, but some of the new or special developments should be noted. Though no others exceed in importance the considerations on reorganization, there are areas in our service that have risen with fresh life and vitality.

(2) *The Men's Movement.* For several years the men in some of the Yearly Meetings have carried on important work of church extension in their own areas. In 1950 representatives from these organizations came together during the Five Years Meeting sessions and created a men's organization on the Five Years Meeting level. Somewhat later the name Quaker Men was adopted for the organization, which elected L. Glenn Switzer as President and Merritt Murphy as Secretary. Glenn Switzer has given much in time and travel to this work and Merritt Murphy is now giving two days a week at the Central Offices visiting some of the Yearly Meetings and local Meetings. The men are on the march and it is one of the most encouraging of our newer developments. Their first national conference was held in Whittier in 1954, and their second one will be held in October 1956 at Wilmington, Ohio at the same time of the conference of United Society of Friends Women.

(3) *The New Office Building.* Those who attended the Five Years Meeting sessions in 1950 will remember the rising tide of concern in the session when the question of a new building was discussed. Back of that occasion were ten or more years of specific attention to that need with a Committee of Ten leading us in our investigations. The generous offer of the Quaker Hill Foundation of adequate space for a building at the Quaker Hill location was accepted and a building committee of five was appointed, consisting of L. Glenn Switzer, Chairman, Elwood Meredith, Secretary, Russell Heaton, George Scantland and Clayton Terrell.

At this session the new men's organization stepped forward and offered their services in securing the money for the new building. Their offer was gratefully accepted and they in turn, cooperating with the the Trustees and reporting to the Executive Council, under whose guidance they were asked to serve, arranged with R. Ernest Lamb to direct the campaign. Two general meetings of the Building Committee, the Trustees and representatives of the Executive Council were held as well as many other meetings of the Building Committee. Ernest Lamb carried forward the work of soliciation in a very commendable way, leaving all of us deeply grateful to him. Glenn Switzer made many trips to Richmond and elsewhere at his own expense in helping to forward the work. Local members and others on the committee have given considerable time and attention to this task.

R. W. Clinton Associates were employed as architect-engineers and V. H. Juerling & Sons Contractors were given the construction contract. As Friends have visited the building, they have commended it for beauty and serviceableness. It has meant much more to us than mere space for operation. It has given the departments a new functional spirit and efficiency. In addition to the two acres deeded in fee simple for the new building nearly three acres were purchased between the property and Waterfall Road and on this a new road was constructed. The unused land in this new addition is doubtless worth more than the investment we have in it.

The old property at 101 South 8th Street was sold for a net income of $25,000, which was applied on the new building. The full report on financing the new building appears elsewhere in these pages.

(4) *Quaker Hill.* The gift of Isaac and Adah Woodard in 1940 of the property now know as *Quaker Hill* has come into greater usefulness with the nearby location of the Central Office building. A special Committee to help Quaker Hill find a higher level of service has been at work and with good success. Homer Coppock is serving very helpfully as Chairman of the Committee. Elsie Marshall gave freely of her trained talents as chairman of the Quaker Hill Committee until 1953. Parvin and Cornelia Bond are giving very fine service in caring for the property and arranging for meals and hospitality for committees and conferences. Previous to their coming to Quaker Hill, Mercy Bailey served very acceptably as hostess. A new coat of white paint dresses up the building in keeping with the planned dedicatory services for the office building nearby.

Jointly these two buildings and their staff of workers should help lift the entire work of the Five Years Meeting as the use of the facilities is fully developed. The Committee welcomes suggestions.

(5) *The United Society of Friends Women.* Though not new in the history of the Five Years Meeting, the United Society of Friends Women has been a very important part of our work. Through the years their departmental service has come to parallel closely some of those in the Five Years Meeting. Appointments are made by the U.S.F.W. on such departments and we find ourselves pulling unitedly on our common loads.

The women gave generously to the construction and furnishing of a large room in the new office building. This room will not only serve them but also various meetings that will be held.

(6) *Finding, Training and Placing Leadership.* The Committee on Ministerial Training has held several meetings and a few conferences on the concern for which they were appointed. From some of our Yearly Meetings comes fresh interest in this crucial problem. We must find, help train and encourage our young people toward responsible leadership if we are to have a future. That is one of the *musts* now facing us. Harold Tollefson has, during the past two years, given a part of his time to the work of this committee.

In this connection the Boulder Friends Loan Fund of $5,000 has served eleven young people in training. Four loans have been repaid with $3,015.00 on loan at the present time to seven persons.

(7) *Evangelism and Church Extension.* There was enthusiasm in the extension work of the first Christian bodies and of the early Quakers. They were evangelical before the word came into use. We are now beginning in the Five Years Meeting to sense more clearly the distinction between the methods and the nature of evangelism and to see that Christianity that is not aggressive in sharing by life and message the good news of Jesus Christ is less than Christianity and less than Quakerism at its best.

As the first employed staff person for this work in the Five Years Meeting, Ernest Lamb has led our Board on Evangelism by giving part of his time, among many other duties. As this work has begun, so it should expand and increase in the future. In this general area of service, Quaker Men are helping, as a part of their program to date, by helping Meetings to locate and to conserve the membership of Friends who have moved and become "non-resident" members.

(8) *Quaker Action.* In cooperation with Quaker Men, we are trying to get the new promotional publication, Quaker Action, into every home of the Five Years Meeting. Merritt Murphy is serving as general editor. There are more than 20,000 copies of each issue mailed out ten times during each year, and the list is growing. This publication is well received and commended widely.

Being a promotional organ for specific functions of the departments, it is complementary, but not competitive, to *The American Friend*. The latter aims at presentation of present day issues as seen by Friends, among its other features as a religious journal.

(9) *Promotional Work.* With the appointment of Leonard Hall as Secretary of Promotion and Finance on a full time basis and for the entire Five Years Meeting work, we enter upon a new program that should greatly strengthen our entire work. The aim of this program is not only to secure more funds for our departmental work, but to be serviceable to our Yearly and local Meetings in their financial problems as well.

By examining the methods of other church bodies, by finding and learning to use the most efficient means of promotion, and by associating all of these efforts with our deeper spiritual purposes, we should move into a greatly increased service throughout the Five Years Meeting.

Publicity, not only through *The American Friend* and *Quaker Action* but also through pamphlets, posters, leaflets, etc., has been promoted.

OTHER ASPECTS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL WORK

Faith and Practice. As a result of the attempt to rewrite the Five Years Meeting discipline, most of the Yearly Meetings have elected to write their own, some using Part II on business procedure as prepared by the Five Years Meeting while preparing their own statement on faith, Part I. Some Yearly Meetings have adopted the whole statement by the Five Years Meeting almost unchanged. The only part now reserved for the Five Years Meeting as such is Chapter 5 of Part II, providing for its own organization and procedure.

As directed by the Five Years Meeting in 1950, the entire statement developed by its committee on revision is to be "kept alive for the future consideration of the Yearly Meetings, which may want to consider adoption of it as a whole or any of its parts." A Committee of Reference was appointed (Minute 81) as a Committee on Reference "to keep in touch with steps taken by Yearly Meetings, compile the information and report to the Executive Committee (Council.)" There may be some question as to whether a special committee for this purpose should be continued.

If the report on Reorganization is adopted at this time, then Chapter 5 in Part II will need rewriting.

The Walter C. Woodward Biography. This book, written by Elizabeth Emerson and financed largely by the special fund raised in the interim 1945 - 1950 and by the sales to date has made it possible to place the remaining volumes in Friends libaries and to offer them free of charge during these sessions.

Elizabeth Emerson did her work well and gave us an interesting story, well written, informative and inspiring and of value to the history of Friends especially in Western and Mid-Western America.

General Secretary's Work. Though the work of the Secretary to the Five Years Meeting was of a general nature and concerned all departments, the actual title as recorded in the Minutes was "Secretary to the Executive Committee (now the Council.)" After reviewing this fact, the Executive Council at its meeting April 22 - 24, 1951, recommends that his title should be "General Secretary of the Five Years Meeting."

In the fall of 1953, at the urgent call of the Mission Field in Kenya and in cooperation with the Board of Missions, he was asked to go with Charles Lampman to Kenya for a short period to study with the mission and with East Africa Yearly Meeting the pressing problems there. Again in the Spring of 1955 he visited, at the invitation of Jamaica Yearly Meeting, not only that Yearly Meeting but also Cuba as well. As Chairman of the Friends World Committee for Consultation and at their expense he met with the Executive Committee of the Friends World Committee in London in January 1955. He has made numerous visits to Yearly Meeting sessions and to local meetings as well, while attending when in Richmond to office work.

Social Security Accepted. After due study and securing the approval of the Central Offices Staff, the Executive Council in their sessions April 22 - 24, 1951, accepted the provisions of "Old Age and Survivors Insurance" as provided by the government.

The Archives. With the move to the new building, the records and other valuable papers of the Five Years Meeting were moved from the vault at the East Main Street Meetinghouse to the vault in the new building at Quaker Hill. Attention is being given to the preservation of minutes, papers and books of historic value.

Ecumenical Relationships. Our relationships to various Christian bodies have been varied. In the measure that we could have representatives to the several conferences, they have been profitable. Relatively, we are giving very small financial contributions to their work.

In August 1954, the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches was held at Evanston and Alexander Purdy and Russell

Rees were appointed as the delegates from the Five Years Meeting. Alexander Purdy represented us on the Committee of U.S.A. member churches of the World Council of Churches in several meetings. Eleanor Zelliot, Wilfred Reynolds and Pauline Trueblood attended the Assembly at Evanston as Accredited Visitors. Noel Palmer of Jamaica and Clara Henderson of New York Yearly Meeting respectively, attended as Youth Consultants. In 1952 Ward and Lena Applegate and Howard Thorne attended on our behalf a meeting on Faith and Order in Sweden, held under the auspices of the World Council of Churches.

On November 28, 1950 a delegation of Friends attended the setting up of the National Council of Churches at Cleveland, Ohio. Errol Elliott and Norval Webb serve as member and alternate respectively on the General Board while the Executives of our departments and others are members of the corresponding departments of the National Council of Churches. Under the auspices of the National Council, certain special conferences have been held; on the churches and economic life, a laymen's conference and other special meetings. Considerable efforts are made by ecumenical groups to strengthen the forces for peace in the world.

Immediately preceding the Oxford Conference in 1952 a few Friends in official positions met for three days at Woodbrooke to try to understand the diverse points of view of Friends on ecumenical relationships. This was entirely unofficial as a meeting, but gave us some insight into our varied reactions.

The Brethren, Friends and Mennonites continue a kind of ecumenical activity of their own in the field of peace. A Continuation Committee consisting of Orie Miller of the Mennonites, Harold Row of the Brethren and Errol Elliott have occasional meetings. In July 1954 a conference on "The Meaning of Christian Love" was held at Bluffton College (Mennonite) attended by about 150 persons. Another such conference is anticipated in 1956.

Request of Nebraska Yearly Meeting. A request from Nebraska Yearly Meeting to the Executive Council in session April 1954 that Nebraska Yearly Meeting be recognized as dissociated from the World and National Councils and that all references to Five Years Meeting membership in these Councils should carry acknowledgements of that dissociation was given prayerful consideration by the Executive Council. The Executive Council took this request under advisement, consulting both the World and National Councils on the possibility of listing in all of their publicity that the Five Years Meeting membership carries the exception of Nebraska Yearly Meeting. The Executive Council was advised by the Councils that our membership is by the Five Years Meeting rather than the Yearly Meeting and that they saw no clear way to make this exception.

This question was again discussed by the Executive Council in April 1955, with the two Friends attending from Nebraska Yearly Meeting. The hope was expressed and a minute made stating the readiness of the Executive Council "to continue thinking and working together in love and respect" on this problem.

Financing Our Work. Two representative conferences on the financing of Friends work have been held and an outline of our promotional responsibilities made. These will furnish a good basis for the work that our Secretary on Promotion and Finance will be doing.

DEEPENING OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

All of these activities will be only activities except we find a depth of life and spirit which flows out through our actions, transforming them into spiritual services. We are not out to arrange the scattered pieces of our confused world, but to call men to Christ and his saving grace, to help them, through him, to build their life and order from the center outward.

With that spirit the Executive Council presents this report, welcoming any reactions or suggestions that the Five Years Meeting may offer.

For the Executive Council,
Sumner A. Mills, Chairman
Errol T. Elliott, General Sec.

REPORT ON PROMOTION

Promotion is not the exclusive responsibility of any one department of the Five Years Meeting. Evidence of fruitful service is in itself the best media of promotion that we can employ. Friends have supported the work because of a well founded faith in its effectiveness and a desire to see it expand.

The work of promotion has, in no small degree, centered in education, letting Friends know of our requirements and achievements. In seeking to accomplish this, our staff has presented the challenge to Yearly Meeting and Quarterly Meeting sessions as also to local groups of Friends. Posters and bulletins have been used efficiently as likewise the pages of our official organ *The American Friend.*

During the past year and a half our new periodical, *QuakerAction,* has been mailed direct to some 21,000 homes of Friends across the Five Years Meeting. Through its pages we seek to interpret the opportunities for services that challenge Friends, as well as the responsibility of providing adequate financial support for these ministries.

Leonard R. Hall has recently been appointed to head a department of Promotion and Finance for the Five Years Meeting. We bespeak for him the fullest measure of cooperation.

R. Ernest Lamb, Secretary

19. Preliminary report of the Committee on Organization was read and accepted.

Presiding Clerk	Sumner A. Mills, Western
Recording Clerk	Jeanette Hadley, Baltimore
Reading Clerk	David O. Stanfield, North Carolina
Announcing Clerk	T. Eugene Coffin, California
Treasurer	William Q. Hale, Indiana

20. Leonard Hall presented the Treasurer's Report, commenting on significant details. Leonard Hall expressed the appreciation of the Committee and of the Five Years Meeting for the fine work of James Matchett, Chairman of the Finance Committee for many years.

The meeting approved the following report.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET
Of The
FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS AND ITS BOARDS

as of March 31, 1955

ASSETS

CASH			
Checking Accounts:			
Treas.-Five Years Meeting	$28,318.28		
Friends Publication Board	4,227.15		
Board of Missions-Special	75,000.72		
Board of Missions-General	3,381.49		
Board of Missions-Investment	13,731.06		
Trustees Five Years Meeting	22,246.78		
Boulder Friends Loan Fund	343.87	$147,249.35	
Savings Accounts:		$ 33,757.35	
Petty Cash held in offices		300.00	
Savings & Loan Associations:			
West End Bldg. & Loan	2,142.11		
Arsenal Bldg. & Loan	2,030.00		
People Home & Savings	1,507.50	5,679.61	186,986.31
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE			
Friends Book & Supply House		$ 8,662.10	
American Friend		1,148.94	9,811.04
NOTES RECEIVABLE			
Loans			14,305.00
INVENTORIES			
Publication Bd. Books, Misc. & Sunday School Material			$13,364.73
INVESTED FUNDS			
Real Estate Mortgage Contracts		$140,316.15	
United States Bonds		18,337.00	
Other Investments		62,742.31	$221,395.46
FURNITURE & FIXTURES			$ 1,943.95
Total Assets			$447,806.49

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
Current Purchases	$ 7,706.18	
Prepaid Subscriptions	3,981.49	
Commission, Sale of 8th St. Property	1,325.00	$ 13,012.67
NOTES PAYABLE		
Second National Bank	$ 12,000.00	
General Fund, Board of Missions to General Investment Fund	5,000.00	17,000.00
OTHER LIABILITIES		
Pension Insurance Premiums	154.75	
Social Security Deductions	13.30	168.05
Total Liabilities		$ 30,180.72

ENDOWMENT AND ANNUNITY FUNDS		
Mission Board Endowment Fund	$114,320.43	
Mission Board Annuity Fund	27,527.88	
Mission Board General Investment Fund	50,558.12	
Mission Board Insurance Reserve	8,415.59	
Mission Board Endowment Reserve Fund	1,932.65	
Board of Education Endowment Fund	10,367.90	
Publication Board Endowment Fund	545.00	
Women's Missionary Union	1,226.54	
Isacc Johnson Memorial Fund	3,000.00	
Quaker Hill Property Endowment Fund	16,124.52	
Aged Ministers Endowment Fund	9,461.52	
Boulder Friends Loan Fund	5,438.87	
Undistributed Payments on Mortgage Loans	2,688.25	$251.607.27
OTHER FUND BALANCES		
New Office Building Fund, Trustees	$ 14,006.14	
New Office Building Fund, Special Gifts	2,029.93	
Library Fund	1,507.50	
Mission Board, Special Fund	88,659.31	
Executive Committee, General Fund	2,565.54	
Reserve for Five Years Meeting, 1955	2,988.98	
Travel Pool for Five Years Meeting, 1955	600.00	
Fiduciary Corporation	155.40	
Executive Committee & Central Council	280.51	
Pension Committee	110.88	
Bonds, Treasurer & Accountant	-.50	
Library	105.34	
Quaker Hill Account	168.58	
Central Office Account	-74.56	
Central Building Account	57.26	
Quaker Men	66.57	
Walter Woodward Memorial	-137.44	
Committee on Reorganization	-40.49	
Advance Program	-1,279.84	
Evangelism & Stewardship	2,239.71	
Promotion	480.86	
Ministerial Training	644.73	
Board on Christian Education	-1,654.87	
Peace & Social Concerns	333.42	
Fund for Aged Ministers & Missionaries	660.70	
Cooperative Fund	245.67	
Board of Education	-47.26	
Contingency Fund	1,005.30	
United Budget Reserve	27,120.70	
Purchasing Account	203.28	$143,001.35
UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME ACCOUNTS		
Annuity Investment Account	$ 4,679.93	
Board of Education Endowment Account	2,291.82	
Isaac Johnson Memorial Fund	614.96	
Quaker Hill Property Endowment Fund	1,006.27	
Library Fund	50.73	$ 8,643.71
SURPLUS ACCOUNTS		
Publication Board, Book & Supply House	$ 15,134.70	
American Friend	670.55	
	$ 15,805.25	
Less: Deficit, Board of Missions	1,431.81	$ 14,373.44
Total Liabilities and Funds		$447,806.49

CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

FROM APRIL 1, 1950

RECEIPTS	Five Years Meeting	Friends Book & Supply House	American Friend	Board on Christian Education
Yearly Meeting Assessment	$ 58,689.46	$	$ 15,700.00	$
United Budget Distribution	320,878.78	10,869.13		84,603.78
Direct Contributions	15.87	500.00		92.00
Interest Received	244.26			
Sales, Subscriptions		277,428.68	52,050.60	
Miscellaneous Income	22,563.53	5,361.10	2,986.63	1,500.00
Rents from Central Offices	16,249.75			
Rec'd on Notes & Loans				
Rooms, Meals ,Rents				
Transfer Fund	5,841.53			
Total Receipts	$424,483.18	$294,158.91	$ 70,737.23	$ 86,195.78
EXPENDITURES				
Support Aged Ministers & Miss.	$ 4,670.00	$	$	$
Salaries & Personal Expense	53,743.14	58,297.66	20,115.42	63,224.83
Travel, Comm. Mtg. Conference	18,413.99	1,369.64		11,186.58
Rent, Insurance, Utilities	15,516.91	4,989.55	1,912.80	4,120.64
Office Ex., Postage, Printing	26,726.39	22,448.84	45,104.24	11,492.22
Misc. Expense	5,888.36	3,787.21	637.78	384.52
Expense Five Yr. Mtg. 1950	4,643.51			
Expense Five Yr. Mtg. 1955	112.05			
Cost of Sales & Publications		201,786.39		
American Friendy Subsidy	15,700.00			
Friends Publication Subsidy	10,869.13			
Food, Laundry, Equipment				
Notes & Loans				
Contributions	5,150.00	249.06		2,068.95
Mission Board	270,563.19			
Transfer Fund	265.25			
Total Expenditures	$432,261.92	$292,928.35	$ 67,770.24	$ 92,477.74
Net Revenue or Loss	$ -7,778.74	$ 1,230.56	$ 2,966.99	$ -6,281.96

AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD TO MARCH 31, 1955

Peace & Social Concerns	Evangelistic Stewardship Ministerial Tr.	Quaker Hill	Advance Program	Boulder Friends Loan Fund	Total
$	$	$ 4,550.00	$	$	$ 78,939.46
44,140.21	12,362.51		19,255.12		492,109.53
	100.00	94.80			802.67
				432.87	677.13
					329,479.28
		6,736.29			39,147.55
					16,249.75
				1,106.00	1,106.00
		14,792.05			14,792.05
265.25		482.03			6,588.81
$ 44,405.46	$ 12,462.51	$ 26,655.17	$ 19,255.12	$ 1,538.87	$979,892.23
$	$	$	$	$	$ 4,670.00
26,994.49	6,095.65	10,252.85	17,377.86		256,101.90
8,249.35	2,604.85	84.67	2,845.84		44,754.92
1,659.22		8,950.28	701.77		37,851.17
7,601.86	1,443.00	316.25	4,081.30		119,214.10
1,324.70	111.50	50.00			12,184.07
					4,643.51
					112.05
					201,786.39
					15,700.00
					10,869.13
		7,541.61			7,541.61
				4,165.00	4,165.00
272.00	237.00				7,977.01
					270,563.19
					265.25
$ 46,101.62	$ 10,492.00	$ 27,195.66	$ 25,006.77	$ 4,165.00	$998,399.30
$ -1,696.16	$ 1,970.51	$ -540.49	$ -5,751.65	$ -2,626.13	$ -18,507.07

21. William C. Dennis explained the matter of the Willits fund, designated for the use of the Girls' Aid Committee of Guilford College but left in trust with Board of Education of the Five Years Meeting. This fund has come under the care of the Trustees, who recommend that it be transferred to Guilford College. The Business Committee has approved the action and the Five Years Meeting in session gives its approval to the impending transfer.

22. William C. Dennis expressed appreciation for the valuable assistance and fine work of Jesse O. Parshall, in which the meeting concurred. Jesse Parshall was asked to explain trustee policy on insurance and investments.

The Report of the Trustees was approved.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR 1955

The Trustees have attempted, during the past five years, to perform those duties which are theirs by virtue of their appointment under the Discipline of the Five Years Meeting, and those which have been specifically assigned to them by the Five Years Meeting and the Executive Council. These duties have consisted of two major functions:

1. The custody and supervision and investment of all endowment funds of the Five Years Meeting.

2. The special functions in connection with the building of the new headquarters building and the disposal of the old building on South 8th Street in Richmond, Indiana.

Under the first of these functions, the Board has invested such funds as in its judgment seemed consistent with a policy recognizing that safety of investment is the first obligation of the Board, and satisfactory return, secondary. In the pursuit of this policy, and in accordance with the trend shown by the best managed educational and philanthropic trust funds, the Board has deemed it wise to invest an increasing amount of the funds in stocks, as is shown by the reports of the Board to the Executive Council in March of 1950 and the one made as of March 31, 1955. In the first of these reports, stocks comprise slightly more than 5% of all investments; whereas, they comprise at the present time a little more than 33% of the total investments. It is a source of satisfaction to know that, as of March 31, 1955, the market value of all stocks and bonds in the various trusts funds was $35,000.00 more than the book value, or cost. A report of this date (August 1, 1955) would show an even greater increase in value. The Board is happy to say, however, that all stocks purchased have been of high quality and are considered conservative investments by the recognized investment authorities. The Board is careful not to invest in the securities of companies engaged in the liquor and tobacco business, and similar enterprises, however attractive from a financial point of view, which are inconsistent with Quaker principles.

It should be stated that the total book value of endowment funds has increased from $164,852.19 in 1950 to $184,506.44 in 1955. This increase is due mostly to two new funds which have come into the Board's hands during the past five years. One is the endowment fund received from the Quaker Hill Foundation at the time the Quaker Hill property was transferred to the Five Years Meeting. This fund amounts to $16,124.52. Another new fund has come into our hands from the estates of Theodore and Estella Foxworthy, amounting to $9,461.52.

The income from this is to be paid to the Fund for Aged Ministers and Missionaries. There has been an addition of about $8,000.00 to the Mission Board Endowment Account, this coming from bequests and gifts. At the same time, the Mission Board Annuity Account has been reduced $9,500.00 through the death of annuitants.

As to the second of the functions enumerated, in connection with the erection of the new headquarters building and the disposition of the South 8th Street property, the duties of the Board are prescribed by the Discipline of the Five Years Meeting, the contract between the Meeting and Quaker Hill Foundation and the specific directions of the Five Years Meeting of 1950 (Minutes, pages 128-130) and of the Executive Council.

In accordance with the provisions of these documents, the initial decision as to sufficiency of the funds raised to construct an adequate headquarters building was the responsibility of the Trustees. The Trustees decided that adequate funds would be available and deeded the two acres for the building site to the Five Years Meeting in fee simple as provided by the contract with Quaker Hill Foundation.

Thereafter the determination of other questions of policy in connection with the erection of the new building became the primary responsibility of the Building Committee "subject always to the approval of the Executive Committee" (Minutes 1950, page 129). The functions of the Trustees were confined to the custody and management of the funds for the new building as collected, and the preparation and signing of proper contracts to carry out the decisions of the Building Committee and the Executive Committee.

The funds collected for the building were turned over to the Trustees for custody and management and during the period prior to the active construction of the building were invested in short-term government securities, bank savings accounts and building and loan share accounts, which produced a net revenue of $2,568.16 which was added to the building fund.

Proper contracts were prepared and signed with the contractors and architect upon terms arranged by the Building Committee, subject to the approval of the Executive Council.

The contract for the purchase of the Waterfall Road property was likewise prepared and signed by the authority of the Building Committee and the Executive Council.

The old central office building was sold by the Trustees under the direct authority conferred upon them by the Five Years Meeting of 1950 for a net price of approximately $25,000.00 with the date for possession by the purchaser satisfactory to the office staff.

Proper arrangements for borrowing the necessary funds required for the completion of the construction of the headquarters building as authorized and directed by the Executive Council have been made by the Trustees, including the negotiation of a temporary loan of $12,000.00, since reduced and renewed for $7,000.00 with The Second National Bank, and a permanent loan of approximately $25,000.00 (which will take up the temporary loan) for three (3) years at 4 per cent, also from The Second National Bank of Richmond, Indiana. This latter loan is to be secured by a mortgage on the headquarters building and its two (2) acres of fee simple land and the Waterfall Road property. This loan and mortgage were specifically authorized by the Executive Council.

The Trustees, having had no responsibility for determining matters of policy, price, and planning in connection with the new headquarters building, feel free to congratulate the Building Committee, the Executive Council, and the Five Years Meeting upon having, in our judgment, secured an adequate and appropriate headquarters building at a fair price.

Louis Campbell, who served as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees from 1940 to 1945 and was Chairman of the Board from 1945 to 1950, and who had been reappointed as a member of the Board for another term, passed away in 1954. His death was a great loss to the Five Years Meeting and to this Board, and a personal sorrow to every member of the Board.

The Board and the Meeting were fortunate in the selection of Howard Henley, President of the Carthage (Indiana) State Bank, as Louis Campbell's successor as a member of the Board.

A report of the status of the headquarters building fund is appended hereto. (See page 86.)

Respectfully submitted by the
Board of Trustees
William C. Dennis, Chairman
Isaac Wilson, Secretary
Jesse O. Parshall, Treasurer

23. Alvin T. Coate commented briefly on the Friends Fiduciary Corporation, saying, "It will have to become your institution, before it can do the work it is supposed to do."

The following Report was approved.

REPORT OF FIDUCIARY CORPORATION OF FRIENDS

Our greatest present hindrance is the lack of adequate publicity. We are not discouraged and feel no sense of defeat, but we regret the delay in accumulating bequests.

We are convinced that the greatly enlarged work of The Five Years Meeting and such congenial purposes as donors may prescribe will prosper as the Fiduciary funds increase. We seek to supplement the gifts of current stewardship activities by the larger gifts which would come through the final disposal of estates.

We are now using the Magazine of The National Council of Churches in a limited way proportionate to our available funds.

Friends should remember also that these Bequests in Trusts are given by persons now living and are payable at their death so that at the beginning, there is necessarily a waiting period but we must pursue the matter aggressively.

In this period, every member can help and we look to them for cooperation.

Alvin T. Coate, Chairman

24. Harold Tollefson presented the report on the Advance. He encouraged members of the Five Years Meeting to put into practice the effective work done by the Advance, which has now come to its official close, and to continue it in the life of the monthly meetings. "We challenge you to increase the concern for deepened fellowship, for spiritual nurture of persons, and for social concerns."

On suggestion of Ellen P. Robinson, the session expressed thankfulness for the Advance and appreciation for the work of Harold Tollefson. Errol T. Elliott also voiced his most sincere appreciation.

The following report was approved.

REPORT ON THE ADVANCE

The years 1950 to 1955 were assigned to a program of spiritual development and progress in every department of the local Meeting. Using the daily emphases of the 1950 Five Years Meeting sessions, a series of brochures was prepared for the ADVANCE that gave accent to local and worldwide concerns. A "Record of Progress" was also prepared and distributed to all of the Meetings, in which each Meeting could register its growth and progress week by week during the five years.

Visitation during the Yearly Meeting sessions, articles in the *American Friend* and Yearly Meeting periodicals, and correspondence called the FRIENDS ADVANCE to the attention of Friends continually. The responsibility for implementing the program was in the hands of the local Meeting with additional guidance from the Yearly Meeting and Five Years Meeting Boards and Committees.

Marked progress has been shown within North Carolina Yearly Meeting, where an Advance Committee was appointed and took its work seriously. They used the materials prepared by the FRIENDS

ADVANCE and created other material adapted to their needs and opportunities. Other Yearly Meetings gave indication of advance in proportion to their effort in the several areas of concern.

A "Summary of Progress" was prepared for the Executive Council and Boards of the Five Years Meeting. Copies were also sent to each Monthly Meeting Clerk. A few excerpts have been taken from this Summary, as follows:

Membership. Numerically we have not gained much,—about 2% in five years. In 1950 we recorded a membership of 68,259; in 1954 it was 69,934. Attendance at Monthly Meeting remains close to 10% of the membership. The Meeting for worship shows some increase, while the Bible School enrollment and attendance show the greatest gain.

Finances. The financial support of our work has improved. Pastoral support in six Yearly Meetings has increased 13 to 29%. Records reveal that in 1949-50 the United Services Budget was $130,000, of which $109,271.79 was received, or about 84.5%. In 1954-55 the United Services Budget was $150,000, of which $132,016.22 was received, or about 88%.

Extension. New Meetings have been established and others are in prospect. California, Canada, Iowa and Nebraska each reported three. New England has eight new meetings for worship in urban centers. California set up a new Quarterly Meeting and Baltimore established a United Quarterly Meeting adjacent to Washington, D.C.

Quaker Men have accepted the task of contacting non-resident members, which now comprise upwards of 30% of our membership.

Buildings. The greatest progress has been in the building of education units and the enlarging of Meeting House facilities. Baltimore built two; California fifteen; Iowa three; Nebraska one; Western six; and Wilmington four. Twenty-seven parsonages have been built or purchased and at least twenty Meetinghouses have been built or purchased during this period.

We owe a great debt of appreciation to the faithful Friends who have carried our work forward day by day, and have supported our various programs for many years in loyalty and devotion to the Kingdom. We have not fully achieved, but we have pointed our steps in the right direction and have made some progress.

May I take this opportunity to express to the members of the Five Years Meeting my appreciation of their confidence and loyalty over the past five years, and the personal friendships that have been formed as I have visited among you. It has been gratifying to see some Yearly Meetings catch a vision of advance and go forward in faith. Some Yearly Meetings have not seen their way clear to integrate the Advance program into their own.

Harold N. Tollefson, Director

25. Leonard Hall introduced Arthur Rinden, Director. United Church Canvass, National Council of Churches, who spoke on the subject of stewardship. The main task is to help build the church of God, yet there is a close connection between the goals to be reached and the budget available. Jesus was ever conscious of the spiritual implications of our attitudes toward our possessions.

During recent years much attention has been given to the subject of stewardship. About two thousand churches have successfully used a plan consisting of three parts: the first is to build a program, second to count resources, third to tell the story of the work to be undertaken, presenting it effectively in an every-member canvass.

The Report of the Committee on Stewardship was approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

Substantial amounts of literature on Stewardship have been prepared and distributed during the past five years together with other material that we have purchased and made available. Emphasizing the thought that stewardship is something that affects all of life and is not alone connected with money, it has been our aim to encourage a deeper and fuller commitment of life and its resources to Christ and His Church. Through the cooperation of the departments of stewardship in Yearly, Quarterly and Local Meetings, many thousands of such pieces of literature have been sent out through the mails. A recent production entitled "Extended Service", dealing with the matter of making Christian wills and bequests, will be found on our Friends Book and Supply tables.

Through compiling the total amounts received in United Services, Assessment Budgets and the Building Fund during the past five years, it becomes evident that the amounts received substantially surpass the income for the preceeding like period. This we believe to be in large measure due to the emphasis placed on stewardship together with an enlarged program of service especially in the field of missionary outreach.

John Compton, Chairman
R. Ernest Lamb, Secretary

26. Meeting approved having Sumner Mills serve as presiding clerk during the sessions on Saturday.

Minutes of the session were read and accepted.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21
7:30 P. M.

27. The session was opened by the singing of "Take Time to be Holy." Glenn Reece, who presided, read from the fourth chapter of Paul's letter to the Ephesians, verses 1-6, 11-16, and introduced Harold Walker, pastor of the University Meeting in Wichita, Kansas. His message consisted of an appraisal of the Friends ministry. There are three fundamental concepts held by all Friends:

1. The conviction that the Head of the Church bestows gifts of ministry to certain ones called to the service of the ministry. The call can come to anyone—man or woman, learned or unlearned, old or young, and when it comes there can be no quenching of the spirit but a glad consecration.
2. This gift is exercised in continuous dependence upon the Holy Spirit in the service of God and man.
3. The gift is for benefit of all and does not raise the one possessing it above his brothers nor give him a place of authority.

On two points Friends differ in their concept of the ministry:

1. The practice of formal acknowledgment of the gift

is no longer followed in all meetings, particularly in those belonging to London Yearly Meeting.

2. The pastoral system which developed in parts of America is the greatest change made in Quakerism as it was altered by its new environment.

The pastoral system accepts the three fundamental concepts and believes that their ministers must never become priestly or clerical, but that they must have a sense of community in the church and avoid all tendencies that separate them from members. The pastor has no particular authority but his leadership should be an inspired leadership.

Harold Walker continued by discussing the need for a trained leadership in this period when the Society is faced with an opportunity to expand and to proclaim the message as never before. "We do not have the leadership available or in preparation to take advantage of the opportunities. We need to seek out the best young people and to interest Quaker business men in establishing a foundation to find and train leadership." The young person who receives the call and wants to devote his life to the ministry feels himself inadequate and wants to prepare himself fully. Things which discourage him and those already in the ministry are:

1. Fragmentation and tension in meetings.
2. Lack of adequate ministerial support.

Inadequate support is becoming one of the main obstacles to enlistment and maintenance of ministerial leadership of the type we desire. The minister should have the support to which his high vocation entitles him. He should not of necessity supplement his income with other work. Small meetings should be consolidated to conserve resources.

As for the primary task of the minister—today as never before the burden of evangelism is laid on him and on the conscience of the church. The demand is for a spiritual resurrection; he faces an urgent over-ruling task such as that Fox and others met in the days when Fox said, "I was sent to turn men from darkness to light." Before pastors can change men they must themselves be changed men; it is a spirit-filled ministry for which we plead. The minister must be prepared to preach but also to demonstrate his message in life.

May all our life be so penetrated by the living Christ that we speak with great conviction, with the thrill of personal discovery, secure in the presence of One who will not leave us nor forsake us. If we are true to His spirit, our whole life shall be lived day by day in the dynamic expression of his spirit, a directing, enabling and redeeming power.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
10:30 A.M.

Sumner Mills presided in the absence of Norval Webb.

28. Herschel Folger suggested that the Five Years Meeting send a message of love and sympathy to Norval Webb and other members of the family of Charles Webb, his father, who died on October 19th.

29. A panel consisting of John Harvey (Chairman), Herbert Huffman, Charles Ball, Eugene Coffin and Marie Ferguson led the discussion of the subject, "Ministry in the Local Meeting." Those taking part in the discussion were Janet Payne Whitney, James Scherer, Elwood Cronk, William Bacon Evans, Ruthanna Hadley, Frances Norman, Luby Casey, Caesar Ortiz, Richard Newby, Hester Hoffman, Miguel Tamayo, Oralia Gonzalez.

Principal points which were stressed during the period were these: One of the neglected phases is the teaching ministry. A means of meeting this is to hold classes based on Faith and Practice. The preparation of the pastor should be as complete as possible but he should be aware of the immediate guidance of God in the service as should all of the members. In the Society of Friends all are ministers, and we should never lose sight of the inner communion possible in the meeting, for this is the sacrament of Friends. Suggestions were made that Friends should pay attention to young persons in training, that salaries should be increased and that there should be literature available on the function of the Friends minister. Some progress was reported in this matter.

Comments on the quality of the meeting stressed the comfort and peace that it could bring and the feeling that children should be brought into it early so that the meeting becomes a part of the life of the family. The birthright is not so important as being born right—reborn in the knowledge of Christ.

To make leadership fully effective, leaders should be freed of excessive committee work and be given opportunity for study. It is highly undesirable that the financial situation requires that ministers devote part of their time to activities outside the meeting. Support of students during preparation for the ministry and of ministers in service received much attention. Suggestions made were formation of Friends of Future Ministers, and establishment of a salary scale for ministers.

The need for harmony among meetings and within meetings was stressed.

The panel discussion closed on the note that we do not need to expect others than ourselves to do God's work.

30. In the devotional period opened by the singing of "Holy Ghost With Light Divine," Milo Ross, President of George Fox College, brought a message on spiritual

baptism. He began by reading I Kings, 18th Chapter, and cited passages showing the revelation of God in fire to the children of Israel. Generations passed; no one saw God in any spectacular way; then came the wonder of the coming of Christ, the glory of Pentecost when there appeared unto them golden tongues of dazzling fire. Prophecy was fulfilled in the presence of God among his people—a fire in their hearts, the abiding presence in the midst.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22
2:00 P.M.

31. Visitors recognized during the session were: Edna W. Morris, Philadelphia; Grace Hadley, Oregon; Byron Osborne, Ohio (Damascus); Dr. Archibald and Mira C. Bond, former missionaries in Kenya; Luis and Vera Casado, Kansas; Worth and Edith Mackie, Ohio (Conservative).

W. Macy Lewis was present with a minute from Gate Monthly Meeting, Kansas Yearly Meeting.

The minutes of the morning session were read and accepted.

32. Wayne Carter discussed the summer program of the Young Friends, naming the camps established by yearly meetings and speaking of the various types of camp experience. In explaining the purposes of such camps he read the Objectives of Western Yearly Meeting Camp. Wayne Carter used a number of pictures to show the camps, their settings, the activities, the recreation, and the worship.

In the forum, David Stanfield discussed the worship in the camps, the possibility of awakening leadership among young Friends during these fine summer camp experiences, and Lawrence Peery spoke on the sharing of responsibility possible in camps, the creation of small fellowships in the cabins, and the advisability of following up the camp experience by counselling.

In the discussion, William Clark asked whether there was any way to know how many of the young Friends had experiences of great lasting value and expressed the conviction that one of the values of these camps was that they provided such opportunities.

In response to the question of Caesar Ortiz regarding religious instruction, Lawrence Peery explained the program used by Western Yearly Meeting. John Sexton suggested a scholarship system by which experienced campers could be exchanged between Yearly Meetings. Such a program would promote unity among Friends.

Paul Sekiya asked whether the programs of the camps were designed to promote international good will. David Stanfield replied that the Service Committee emphasized that phase more than church camps do but that information and incidental instruction were offered.

Philip Harding, Secretary of the Irish Young Friends, asked about the average number of young Friends attending camps and representatives of various yearly meetings gave approximate attendance. Perhaps ten to twenty-five percent of the total number of young Friends attend.

Marie Hobson spoke of her concern for a possible Friends Volunteer Service and asked for support and spiritual guidance. Such a concern would need to be channeled through the Young Friends Committee of North America at present.

David Stanfield challenged the meetings to be more aware of their Young Friends and to develop their potential leadership, and Alice Beal asked the cooperation of Friends meetings and families in assisting Young Friends in their visitation programs.

Wayne Carter emphasized the use and production of materials to be used by Young Friends, and Noel Palmer suggested the extension of Sunday School quarterlies to include such materials. He also recommended the publication used in Jamaica Yearly Meeting.

33. The following report of the Committee on Organization was read and approved.

Trustees:

Jesse O. Parshall, Indiana
Isaac Wilson, Indiana
Marcus Kendall, Western

Committee on Message:

O. Herschel Folger, North Carolina
Gladys Jones, Jamaica
Bernice Hartman, Wilmington
Lindley J. Cook, Nebraska
Helen Walker, California
Herbert M. Hadley, Baltimore

34. Herbert Huffman referred to the printed report of the Committee on Ministerial Training and named five areas of service—(1) service to students in training; (2) recruiting young Friends for ministerial service; (3) the June conference for all Young Friends of Five Years Meeting who look forward to service, Committees on Ministerial Training and members of the religion departments in Friends colleges; (4) publications and literature; (5) a tentative placement service.

The following report was approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL TRAINING

For several years the Committee on Ministerial Training has been in correspondence with the seminaries, divinity schools and Friends Colleges for the purpose of securing the names of Friends who are preparing for the Ministry. A folder of such data and a personal index card file is kept in the Friends Central Offices, to which has been added from time to time the names of young Friends received from Yearly Meeting Committees on the Training and Recording of Ministers, and from the pastors of our Meetings. These young people receive letters from us, and notifications of conferences, openings for service and, as way opens, visits from the Chairman or Associate Secretary of the Committee.

In June 1954 and 1955 a Conference on the Friends Ministry has been held at Quaker Hill to which these students have been invited. Travel assistance and entertainment have been made available to those who could attend. The Yearly Meeting Committees on the Training and Recording of Ministers, together with the Department of Religion of our Friends Colleges, also held conferences at the same time. Sessions for all three groups to meet together were also planned. The discussions were centered around pastoral responsibilities, Friendly emphasis Yearly Meeting standards, college preparation, and the inter-relation of these various areas of service.

The first Conference was restricted to the four adjacent Yearly Meetings and their respective colleges—Indiana, Iowa, Wilmington and Western Yearly Meetings and Earlham, William Penn and Wilmington Colleges. The 1955 Conference was for all of the Five Years Meeting, although most of the attenders were from the nearer areas. The cooperation of the colleges and Yearly Meeting personnel was most helpful and the Conferences were very much appreciated by the young Friends who attended.

A survey of the function and outreach of this Committee has revealed that there is urgent need for full-time service to our Meetings, colleges and young people. A recommendation that the Committee be enlarged to cover all church-related vocations and be given the status of a Board has been forwarded to the sessions of the Five Years Meeting. The tentative name for such a Board is the "Board on Church Vocations", and a Secretary is desired to carry out its program in the years ahead.

Cooperation with the Youth Department of the Board on Christian Education, and the Board on Education is now in effect, thus providing contacts with these agencies who have active programs for the training and guiding of youths in their life work.

It is the conviction of the Committee that we have a vital place in the program of the Society of Friends and should have the funds and personnel necessary to help make available persons well equipped to give leadership in the pastoral ministry, missionary service, college teaching, Yearly Meeting personnel and all vocations related to the church. We must seek out, challenge, encourage and train our own young Friends if we are to perpetuate the Quaker approach to Christian truth and life.

Our concern for a more adequate supply of well trained, consecrated leadership, is linked with a correlated concern that more adequate provision be made for the financial remuneration of those we employ in pastoral service or other full-time ministries.

Herbert Huffman, Chairman
Harold N. Tollefson, Secretary

35. Herbert Huffman brought up the concern for the establishment of a Friends Seminary, a matter much on the minds of the Committee, and asked for direction. Is it the time to hold a conference of the Five Years Meeting to discuss the question? Interest was expressed, and the meeting gave its general approval of a conference for study and consultation on this proposal.

36. Murray C. Johnson spoke of the spirit of concern which characterizes those who are ministers and also characterizes the activities of the Board on Evangelism and asked Ernest Lamb to report its activities.

Ernest Lamb emphasized continuing concerns of the Board on Evangelism, work with absent members, the zeal that will animate work with new meetings, the challenge of Young Friends, and the provision of suitable training for them.

The report of the Board on Evangelism was approved.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON EVANGELISM AND CHURCH EXTENSION

During the past five years the Board on Evangelism and Church Extension has correlated its service with the Committee on Stewardship and the Committee on Ministerial Training. Reports on the activities of these committees will be found elsewhere in these pages.

It has been the concern of the Board to promote, through printed material and personal visitation, this vital department of our ministry. Visits to local meetings have been conducted within the bounds of all of our Yearly Meetings on the American continent and, in a number of cases, series of evangelistic services have been held in various localities.

Although no outstanding revival of spiritual life may be generally apparent, a deepening concern for more fruitful experiences can be discerned in many places. Two conferences on Evangelism in which Five Years Meeting Friends shared with others from Kansas, Oregon and Ohio, have taken place during the past five years and a further one scheduled to meet in Denver in 1956.

Appreciation is gratefully expressed for the faithful, fruitful ministry of the many pastors and evangelists who have ministered both in their own meetings and in other centers as way opened.

Through its active concern for the service of men in the local field, we believe the Quaker Men Organization is destined to occupy an increasingly large place in the ministry of evangelism in our local meetings.

Murray C. Johnson, Chairman
R. Ernest Lamb, Secretary

37. Murray Johnson explained how the Board of Evangelism and the Board of Ministerial Training have been drawn together by the sharing of concerns and activities, and at his request Herbert Huffman brought forward the proposal that the two committees employ someone to serve these two committees as secretary. The matter was referred to the Business Committee.

Minutes of the session were read and accepted.

The meeting adjourned to meet Monday morning.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
10:00 A.M.

In the 10:00 o'clock service Jesse Stanfield presided, Herschel Folger led in the singing of "Break Thou the Bread of Life", and Thomas S. Brown brought the message on the theme that through Christ men were set free to become the sons of God. Paul's letter to the Galatians was the Christian Declaration of Independence; the letter to the Ephesians is filled with new ideas of freedom through Christ, who came to teach his people himself. This is the freedom early Friends inherited. Who is the free man? He is the one who has no idols, is free from fear and anxiety, is not frustrated by his own limitations, has learned to use form and law as tools, institutions as his instruments—he is the slave of Christ.

Modern Friends must guard against retreat into lifeless forms. Without a ritual, there is danger that no clear moment or act of the service symbolizes the presence of the living Christ; without creed, identifying beliefs of applicants presents difficulties; without formal prayers, there may be shallow petitions of momentary inspiration. Is difference in form of meetings so important that we shall say one is more Quakerly than another? Quakerism cannot depend on the past; it needs a new creation. We know we must bring together all the gifts; we need evangelism, quiet waiting, missionary works, propetic ministry, trained workers, firm testimonies. The living bond that makes us Quakers is our freedom through Christ, the presence of his indwelling spirit, a foundation on which we build a new freedom. Friends must hold to their true freedom in worship, asking, "Does every moment and portion of our meeting make it as easy as possible for Christ to come to teach his people himself?"

Norval E. Webb presided in the 11:00 o'clock meeting for worship. All joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The Eighth Psalm was read and the anthem "Bless Thou the Lord, O My Soul" was sung by the choir. In the open period of worship, in prayers and meditation, Friends asked for strength to follow the leadership of Christ, for the preparation of mind and soul to receive direction from Christ, for a unity not only with one another but with Him, and expressed their gratitude for the love and fellowship found here and for the teachings of Jesus which are able to turn sorrow into song.

The message brought by Russell Rees was centered on the wonder of man, God's dearest creation. The proof of God's amazing love is this: that while we were sinners Christ died for us. His concern was for ordinary people, he was full of compassion for the nameless ones, and he could work wonders with one-talent people. The message of the New Testament is that God, knowing man for what he was, loved him so much he gave himself for him. He emptied himself and became a man in order that he might show the possibilities, the great potentialities, of that dearest creation, man—able to think God's thoughts after him. It is the will of God, the purpose for us as a Society of Friends and as individuals, that we demonstrate the love of God. Love the Lord thy God, love thy neighbors as thyself. He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God Whom he hath not seen?

May the benediction of thy love, O Father, be upon us.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
3:00 P.M. QUAKER HILL

At three o'clock on Sunday afternoon, October 23, a service of dedication for the Friends Central Office Building was held. Milton Hadley gave the invocation; Sumner Mills spoke of dedicating the building not as a monument to the past but as a facility for the future. "The building is invested with great meaning in advance especially as it represents the generosity and concern of hundreds and hundreds of people across the country," he said. Glenn Switzer expressed thanks to each one who has taken part, mentioned names of those serving with him as members of the building committee: Clayton Terrell, Russell Heaton, George Scantland, and Elwood Meredith and presented the keys to William C. Dennis, Chairman of the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting.

William C. Dennis paid tribute to the dynamic, hopeful leadership of Glenn Switzer and expressed deep appreciation for the gift of Isaac and Adah Woodard. "They are donors we can be proud of and grateful to," he said. He gave the key to Errol T. Elliott who spoke briefly on the subject "Facing Tomorrow With Christ in our New Building."

Errol T. Elliott described the building as being hallowed by the past and blessed by the present, already alive with the presence of all those who have given to it. He paid tribute to the work of Ernest Lamb in raising funds for the building.

The building is consecrated to that future given us by the presence of Christ. Our little time is geared into the Eternal. His love opens the door to the future, and this key is a small symbol of the key to that Kingdom set up in the hearts of men, a Kingdom that has no end.

R. Ernest Lamb led in the reading of the Dedicating Responses, and Richard P. Newby offered the prayer of dedication:

O Thou who art the Way, the Truth, and the Light.
Lead us in thy paths,
Illumine us by thy spirit,
Show forth thy truth in our lives.
We would dedicate to thee, our Father, these walls that human hands have built. Our hearts are full of thanksgiving as we think of the multitudes who will build their lives

through the work and services of this building. Draw us together, now, in the consciousness of the complete fellowship of our Five Years Meeting. Fill our hearts with gratitude for the vision of our fathers and the work that was necessary to bring us to this hour. Lay upon us a great sense of responsibility for the future. Bind us close together through the medium of this building. Let us not become provincial, but by taking thought of each other, find ourselves mutually strengthened.

O God, we pray for our beloved Society of Friends, which is set today amid the perplexities of a changing order, and face to face with a great new task. May our service of dedication this hour take us across the threshold to a new day, as we rise up in a spirit of unity and fellowship to the responsibilities of Christian discipleship and service.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23
7:30 P.M.

On Sunday evening Elfrida Vipont Foulds gave the fourth Isaac T. and Linda K. Johnson Lecture, which she had entitled, "The Quaker Witness—Yesterday and Today." (Printed copies may be obtained from the Central Offices.)

The lecture, enriched by memorable passages and infused with the spirit, dealt primarily with the question: And if indeed a new generation of Seekers is emerging, has the Society of Friends a witness to give them?

In the 17th century, the witness of Friends was an incursion of the Divine Spirit which had its source in the overwhelming spiritual experience of George Fox, and its evidence was the spreading of the gospel, the heroism and steadfastness against persecution, the glorious stand for religious liberty on two continents. Early Friends experienced a great fellowship which enriched their lives and for which they were willing to suffer. Whenever the Society, throughout its history, has failed to take up its heritage of tolerance, rooted in this great fellowship, it has paid bitterly for its lack. We must be big enough to learn from the mistakes of the past—the great separation and also the subtle differences which have made understanding difficult.

The basis of the fellowship is the love of Christ. Early Friends gathered into fellowship and caught "as in a net" came to know "a place to stand in", that place being a part of the Eternal, the Hill of the Lord. There they could wait for the guidance of God. Knowing "What to wait in" will condition our hearts to receive divine guidance whether in our lives, in the life of the Society or in the meeting for worship.

If we can recapture the experience of fellowship with one another in Christ, of knowing a place to stand in and what to wait in—what then? Fox's admonition was: "Be patterns . . . in all places . . . wherever you come that your carriage and life may preach amongst all sorts of people and to them. *Then* you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one." That means sacramental living, living our Quakerism in the world today.

Are the times so unpropitious? Surely in the thick darkness there are seekers. The blind forces clashing in the world today are beyond our control but they are not beyond the control of God Almighty and God works through human lives. Over and over again in history, the darkest hour has been met by a fresh incursion of the Divine Spirit.

As our forbears knew what to wait in, so too may we, and in that waiting hear the voice of God: "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward."

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
10:30 A.M.

38. At the opening of the session the following Friends were recognized: Chester and Evangeline Stanley, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus); Robert and Elsie Moser, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus); Kenneth Marsh, Ohio Yearly Meeting (Damascus); D. Robert and Elizabeth Yarnall, Philadelphia; J. Passmore and Anna Elkinton, Philadelphia; Edwin B. Bronner, Philadelphia; Clarence and Lilly Pickett, Philadelphia; Francis and Evelyn Nicholson, Philadelphia; Emmor and Marion Roberts, Philadelphia; Marie Miller, Philadelphia; Dan Wilson, Philadelphia; E. Raymond Wilson, Baltimore Yearly Meeting; Edna Peterson with a minute from Scarsdale Monthly Meeting, New York.

39. The panel presenting the topic "Missions in the World Today" consisted of Levinus Painter (Chairman), Charles Lampman, Ralph Rose, Lorton Heusel, and Ruth Replogle. The panel briefly discussed the function of ministry and counsel in expressing the witness of Friends in the community, the fellowship of worship as it leads to expression of the witness—each person being himself a missionary, responsibilities to the new citizens, the overcoming of prejudice, the need for the open receptive mind and soul as we learn from the living Christ and from those in whose hands the future of the world lies.

The deep interest and concern that exists for the African Friends developed in the discussion. Howard Diamond described the spirit of those Friends and spoke of the Christian martyrdom of a member there. Tomasi Lung'aho also spoke of the life and service of African Friends.

Charles Lampman answered a question asked by Frances Norman concerning the phrasing of a paragraph in the Mission Board report. Mildred White explained the spirit underlying the teaching of the native worker in Ramallah who had written the passage.

Susie Meek Frazier spoke of Indian families moving into cities and asked Friends meetings to get in touch with them and encourage them to take part in the meeting.

Hilda Koch, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, expressed her gratitude for the work of the Service Committee in the feeding of German children after the first World War and the spirit in which it was done.

Augustus Benedict warned the meeting not to let individual acts of kindness blind us to the results of national and international acts.

Yukio Irie (Japan) spoke of the importance of spreading the Gospel through lives. "The world is tired of beautiful words, hungry for good deeds," he said.

The summary of the discussion was read and accepted.

40. The devotion period was opened by the singing of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling." James F. Walker, Executive Secretary of the Friends World Committee, American Section, spoke on "The Christian Vocation:" "Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth to those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

The Christian vocation is a way of life, a walk with God, an expression of his love in all the attitudes of our lives. To be happy we need a reason for living, an understanding of God's purposes, a working relationship with Him. The Kingdom of God is within us individually, but it is also a community where there is loving attention to the needs of others. The strength of the Society of Friends lies in the hundreds of inconspicious lives of people who put their faith into practice in acts of loving kindness. It is a major vocation to be a Christian, a child of the Creator, trying to fulfill his purposes; this vocation is lived out differently by each of us. Let us pray that we be given insight into the purposes of our lives; the totality of God's service lies upon us.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
2:00 P.M.

41. During the session the following visitors were recognized: Douglas Steere from Philadelphia; Phil Winkfield, Job Opportunities Secretary, Indianapolis office of the American Friends Service Committee; Patricia Bailey, Office Secretary.

42. October 24th being United Nations Day, E. Raymond Wilson was asked to speak briefly in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the organization. "May we use the United Nations as an instrument in achieving a warless world."

43. Norman Young, in presenting the Report of the American Friends Board of Missions, presented Tomasi Lung'aho (East Africa), Miguel Tamayo (Cuba), Frances Cunningham (Jamaica), Oralia Gonzalez (Mexico), Mollie Jean Queen (Rafters Chapel in Tennessee) and Susie Meek Frazier from Oklahoma. Each brought greetings and briefly described the work done in churches and schools.

Tomasi Lung'aho expressed thankfulness that English

Friends had joined in the work in East Africa and mentioned the importance of the Christian intervisitation through which we understand one another better. Miguel Tamayo called attention to the influence the schools have had on leaders and others in Cuba. Frances Cunningham spoke of the unity in religous life in Jamaice and read from an article commending Quaker education in Jamaica. Oralia Gonzalez asked for visitation and described the work of Quaker women in Mexico. Mollie Queen told how much Friends had meant at Rafters Chapel, and Susie M. Frazier asked that Friends assist the Indians in their transition period as the termination policy begins to take effect. Mission work is especially needed now, for the Indians, dependent so long, need friends and advocates. A number of former missionaries and representatives of areas abroad in which the Board of Missions is serving were introduced.

The Report of the Board of Missions was approved.

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS BOARD OF MISSIONS

The American Friends Board of Missions is an arm of the Church throughout the Five Years Meeting which is definitely assigned the task of carrying the message of Christ. In all of our relationships, whether at home or abroad, it is important that, in addition to carrying the message we shall live the message so that lives shall be permeated with the Spirit of the Master.

In the various departments of work sponsored by the Board, it has been the primary concern that those individuals who represent Friends are dedicated to live and speak the message, whether in classroom, shop, playground, hospital ward or church.

Because of the existing evils of the world such as malnutrition, illiteracy, poor health and others, the church of today must follow two types of activity: first, it must minister to the individual problems and illnesses and, second, it must contribute to the wellbeing and Christian growth of society as a whole. This requires a unity of purpose and understanding that will produce effective service in all areas of our work.

EVANGELISM

Since Evangelism is the important task of the Mission Board, we are glad to report that the work in our fields is bearing fruit. It is always the aim in setting up mission churches to build so securely that the work will mature into independence. Our work in Cuba presents an example of the Cuban Churches assuming responsibility for their own maintenance, and of the schools which are so closely associated. During the past five years Cuban Friends have established themselves in their meetings and have increased their efforts in following the great Christian commission of sharing Christ's message with others by branching out to establish new meetings for worship. It remains necessary for American Friends to help finance a small part of the work, but Cuba Yearly Meeting is taking responsibility for its constituency. No American worker has been appointed to serve in Cuba for a period of seven years, and their work has continued to grow during that time.

Other yearly meetings are beginning to show similar progress. Meetings in East Africa Yearly Meeting are reaching out into Uganda, Tanganyika, and South Nyanza and establishing work centered around a worship group. We look forward to the time when the churches in all our centers will be strong enough to assume full responsibility, thus releasing American Friends to search out new areas in which to share the Gospel message.

One of the greatest needs which Friends confront in our various areas of outreach, including our American Yearly Meetings, is for adequately prepared church leaders who can assume responsibility for the pastoral care of meetings, for people who are called to this ministry and who are peculiarly gifted. Consequently, much attention is being given to this need and potential young people are being encouraged in further preparation and experience.

EDUCATION

It is important to remember that the educational activities of the board started as projects of evangelism and continue to be such. The Christian education that has been carried on in many places has permanently affected the educational systems of those countries. Friends have tried to provide educational facilities where there were none, to set standards for schools in the area and to provide Christian services and advantages which other schools were not able to do. This can be illustrated by the work in Ramallah. Here Friends first began the education of girls because girls were not given such opportunities. In this way they were brought under the influence of Christ and His concern for every human being.

Christian living even in a militaristic world, is demonstrated in Friends' schools. Friends try to live in such a spirit of brotherhood with all men that the seeds of hate, violence and war do not grow but rather that creative good will is fostered and constructive, positive good is accomplished. Because Friends had lived this testimony for more than eighty years in Ramallah, the Boys School was exempted from the regulations of the Jordanian Government to give military training at the school.

When Friends' missions result in the nationals of a country wanting to pass on what they have received we see the culmination of Christian lives. The girls at the Girls School for three years have been teaching a group of women how to read by the Laubach method thus really becoming servants in the Kingdom.

Of particular significance during this five-year period has been the development of the Friends Secondary School in Kenya. Public (Kenya government) funds are to be employed in the construction of new buildings located at Kimilili, and Friends are attempting to staff the school with well-qualified teachers and administrators.

Colegio "Los Amigos" in Holguin is serving as an important center for the training of promising young church leaders in Cuba. Happy Grove School in Jamaica has served an important need, but has suffered from the lack of continuous administrative personnel.

INDUSTRIAL

Because effective labor is important in the economic system of our day, it is necessary that the process of teaching the Christian way of life include guidance and training in various occupations. Not all of our fields have been able to include such training, especially for boys, but most of our girls schools provide courses in Home Economics to help improve the homes.

Africa has been fortunate in having many types of industrial activities available. They have a mill for grinding corn, saw mill. wood working shop, and equipment for making building blocks. These industries are used to serve the families in the Mission area and are valuable for their community aid. Friends have failed, so far, to make full use of these facilities for teaching students to gain technical knowledge.

Jamaica has industrial training in a limited form. Friends Educational Council has some land available for use in producing food for Swift-Purscell and Lyndale Homes. The boys are taught to work in the truck gardens and dairy. This provides them with certain skills as well as promoting the idea that work can be creative.

MEDICAL

The most outstanding medical work carried on under the board is in connection with our Friends Africa Mission. During the past five years the hospital has constructed a new building, including a room to house the x-ray machine, an operating room, doctors' office, etc. The new x-ray machine makes possible the earlier discovery of tuberculosis which is one of the most serious diseases of the country. Also a Tb. Rehabilitation project is planned, consisting of the construction of a 24-bed Tb. ward and of 20 cottages in which the patients can live after they have been dismissed from the ward. The use of new drugs is doing much to alleviate pain and suffering. Our hospital now offers classes for training of nurses. After completing the course, many of the girls marry and, while the hospital loses their help, they are a great aid in the communities in which they live.

The teaching of hygiene and health in mission schools plays its part in medical work and helps students to realize that medical aid can be found for serious ailments. The faithfulness of workers in Ramallah in stressing the needs of treatment for eye infections has helped prevent much blindness among children. The willingness of workers in Tennessee to give elementary treatment or transportation to people who need medical attention has helped maintain health as well as personal relationships with people in the communities.

Medical work is an area where many persons meet Christian love for the first time, and are healed in body and touched in soul by Christ's message.

SUMMARY

It would be unfair to give the impression that all departments of work are progressing without any difficulties. The Board is always facing the problem of finding suitable and trained personnel for the special needs of the various fields. Many things must be discussed as applicants are considered for appointment. The Board needs to promote some way of making effective contacts with college students and presenting to them the challenge of Christian service.

There are general problems on each of the fields, such as the Mau-Mau conflict in Kenya and the refugee population in Jordan and continuing poverty in Jamaica. Friends find it necessary to minister to the needs of these people, yet to eradicate the conditions which cause the maladies is a much more gigantic undertaking. We realize that Friends' measure of leaven is small, but we can only plant—God gives the increase.

Distribution of information in the amount and quality to create constant interest of Friends in our various activities is another problem not yet solved. The financial needs are comparable to personnel needs, but cannot be met without providing the knowledge that will touch hearts and loosen purse strings.

One of the major events of the past five year period was the change in Administrative Secretaries of the Mission Board which took place two years ago. This difficult adjustment was made without disruption because of close cooperation.

New opportunities for Christian service are constantly opening. New and broadening conceptions of truth will become clearer as one seeks to understand God's purpose for all mankind. New avenues of approach and fresh methods of presenting the message will develop as each generation makes its advance in knowledge and experience. To this service all followers of Christ are called. In the words of George Fox: "Let all nations hear the sound, by word or writing. Spare no place, spare not tongue nor pen, but be obedient to the Lord God; go through the world and be valiant for the truth upon earth. Then you will come to walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one."

Norman Young, Chairman
Charles Lampman, Administrative Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS	1950-51	1951-52
United Budget	$46,232.00	$51,191.93
Direct Contributions	23,683.74	19,318.26
Interest	3,477.00	3,508.64
Refunds	3,469.27	1,574.37
Income on Paid-up Pensions	1,719.81	1,985.88
Received on Indebtedness	—	—
Total	$78,581.82	$77,579.08

EXPENDITURES		
Africa	$26,311.73	$27,531.00
Cuba	5,024.13	4,459.42
Jamaica	13,583.62	14,422.19
Mexico	687.72	338.50
Ramallah	3,240.63	15,726.76
Tennessee	8,407.80	10,309.63
Western Indians	2,200.03	2,199.96
Retirement Pensions	2,940.00	3,090.00
Administration & Education	12,899.50	15,056.11
Cooperatives	1,082.00	922.00
Insurance	517.97	652.49
Volunteer Service Council	225.00	—
Miscellaneous	89.61	657.13
Pension Insurance & Social Sec.	1,856.91	2,091.95
Paid on Indebtedness	—	—
Outgoing Missionary Conference	—	2,133.47
Total	$79,066.65	$99,590.61

GENERAL ACCOUNT 1950-1955

1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	TOTAL
$61,092.58	$54,754.56	$59,292.12	$272,563.19
20,207.25	22,691.67	25,731.51	111,632.43
3,266.20	3,363.63	3,160.31	16,775.78
447.90	104.32	3,063.22	8,659.08
2,135.88	2,445.55	2,440.20	10,727.32
—	20.00	13,980.00	14,000.00
$87,149.81	$83,379.73	$107,667.36	$434,357.80

$29,607.02	$20,316.18	$ 29,690.80	$133,456.73
5,485.35	4,485.31	7,311.31	26,765.52
12,108.85	13,526.21	12,922.78	66,563.65
120.00	96.00	96.00	1,338.22
8,435.66	7,519.63	5,830.61	40,753.29
8,262.24	7,240.47	7,216.11	41,436.25
2,200.00	2,200.00	2,200.00	10,999.99
3,240.00	4,213.60	4,214.45	17,698.05
16,227.83	19,374.12	17,345.93	80,903.49
994.00	1,219.75	1,398.01	5,615.76
523.97	522.97	620.08	2,837.48
—	—	—	225.00
187.50	207.71	205.55	1,347.50
2,693.43	2,655.82	2,589.76	11,887.87
—	20.00	13,980.00	14,000.00
421.70	1,142.09	599.87	4,297.13
$90,507.55	$84,739.86	$106,221.26	$460,125.93

44. Glenn Switzer recognized Clayton Terrell, member of the Building Committee, and spoke in appreciation of the excellent work done by Ernest Lamb in raising funds; and Ernest Lamb proceeded to raise the sum required to complete payment, $1709.18 being received before the sessions ended. The Five Years Meeting stood as an expression of genuine appreciation for the work of the Building Committee.

The following report prepared by Dr. Elwood Meredith was read.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Following the acceptance of Quaker Hill by the Five Years Meeting in 1950, a Building Committee of five was appointed to implement the project of constructing a new Friends Central Office on the Quaker Hill site. Those elected to serve in this capacity were L. Glenn Switzer, chairman, California; Elwood J. Meredith, secretary, Indiana; C. Clayton Terrell, Wilmington; A. Russell Heaton, New York; George F. Scantland, Indiana.

R. W. Clinton Associates, architects of Richmond, Indiana were selected to design our new building and V. H. Juerling and Sons, also of Richmond, received the contract for construction.

R. Ernest Lamb was invited to work with the newly formed national Quaker Men's organization in seeking to secure funds for this purpose. All Yearly Meetings within the Five Years Meeting were solicited, the majority of the local meetings making a favorable response.

An opportunity was found to purchase a 2½ acre tract of land linking the Quaker Hill property with Waterfall Boulevard on the north. A new road from Waterfall Road to the building was accordingly constructed and employed for hauling in the heavy building materials.

The new building is of colonial design and fits harmoniously into the setting with the Quaker Hill residence on the tree decked grounds. Friends owe a deep debt of gratitude to Isaac and Adah Woodard for their gift of residence and grounds on which the new home of the Five Years Meeting has been constructed. Friends visiting the new structure are in one accord in expressing their appreciation for its beauty of design and servicability.

Ample office space is provided for all departments including a wing 26 by 28 for the use of the United Society of Friends Women and a similar wing to house the display department of the Friends Book and Supply store. A room has been assigned the secretary of the Quaker Men's Organization.

Two floors provide about 10,000 square feet of floor space with additional attic storage space of approximately 2,500 square feet.

New furniture was purchased for all rooms, much of the cost being underwritten by special contributions as indicated by the memorial plaques in many of the rooms.

A detailed report on costs and contributions will be available for presentation at time of Five Years Meeting sessions.

L. Glenn Switzer, Chairman
Elwood J. Meredith, Secretary

REPORT ON NEW OFFICE BUILDING FUND

August 1, 1955

COSTS			
Gen. Contract V. H. Juerling & Sons		$144,952.65	
Architect-R. W. Clinton & Associates		8,784.15	
Building Permit		100.00	
Builder's Risk Ins. - net cost		305.27	
Building Road, cutting trees, etc.		2,172.40	
Cost of Parking Lot		1,450.60	
Cost of additional land purchased		5,250.00	
		$163,015.07	
Less Rebate from Sub-contractors		219.41	
Net Cost of Building and Grounds			$162,795.66
Furniture and Equipment:			
Paid, to date		10,068.11	
Ordered, but not paid, as of this date		2,729.49	
Landscaping, paid to date		103.02	
work ordered		125.00	
		$ 13,025.62	
Less Sale of old furniture to date		477.50	
Net Cost Furnishings, etc.			$ 12,548.12
Total Cost of Blgd. Furns. (net)			$175,343.78
OTHER COSTS:			
Campaign Expenses		$ 9,491.19	
Expenses of Committee		1,029.37	
Preli'nary architect, plans not used		975.00	
Total Other Costs			$ 11,495.56
TOTAL BUILDING COSTS			$186,839.34
Received to apply toward this to date:			
From contributions (general, special, all sources)		$132,073.33	
Sarah Swift Fund from Treas. of Five Years Meeting		1,151.29	
Net Income fro Investments		2,568.16	
Gross Sale Price of Old Building	$26,500.00		
Less Commission, Interest on Down Payment and other exp. of Sale	1,388.85	$ 25,111.15	
Total			$160,903.93
Net Deficit as of Aug 1, 1955			$ 25,935.41
Represented by:			
Bal. due V. H. Juerling & Sons on Contract		$17,025.75	
Bal. due R. W. Clinton & Assoc.		1,397.00	
Bal. due on Shelving, Furniture, etc.		2,854.49	
Temporary loan from Second National Bank		7,000.00	$ 28,277.24
Less Cash on Hand, Aug. 1, 1955			2,128.95
Net Deficit, to be covered by Mortgage			$ 26,148.29

(1) Some additional amounts are to be received from this source.

45. Glenn Switzer reported that there were Quaker Men's groups organized in almost all of the Yearly Meetings and stressed the importance of intervisitation among the men's groups.

The following report was approved.

REPORT OF QUAKER MEN

Men and boys of the Five Years Meeting of Friends joined hands in united effort on a nation-wide basis for the first time during the 1950 sessions of Five Years Meeting by forming an organization now know as Quaker Men.

An Executive Council was named, composed of respresentatives from all Yearly Meetings on the American continent affiliated with the Five Years Meeting. Officers were elected as follows:

President—L. Glenn Switzer, California Yearly Meeting.
Vice-President—Ezra Pate, North Carolina Yearly Meeting.
Vice-President—Wallace Jackson, Iowa Yearly Meeting.
Secretary—Merritt Murphy, Western Yearly Meeting.
Treasurer—Jesse Parshall, Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Other members of the Executive Council were Clayton Terrell, Wilmington; Forrest Wheeler, New England; Howard Carey, New York; Dale Benton, Nebraska; John Petrie, Canada; and Emmet M. Frazer, Baltimore.

Corresponding representatives were Fred Kamidi of East Africa Yearly Meeting, Kenneth Crooks of Jamaica Yearly Meeting, Miguel Tamayo of Cuba Yearly Meeting and Fortunato Castillo of Mexico.

A Constitution and By-laws were adopted which outlined the purposes of Quaker Men as follows:

"*Quaker Men* is formed to give Friends men and boys a strong organization attracting their interest and loyalty and providing them with opportunities for deepening their spiritual lives and experiences, for expressing and putting into action Christian concerns, and for entering an appealing and challenging program of Christian service."

The objectives of Quaker Men were listed as:

1. To seek daily Christ's way of life; to bear witness to this way of life in business dealings and in social contacts; to engage in definite Christian service.

2. To study and become familiar with the Society of Friends, its organization and its doctrines; and to cooperate in its program.

3. To challenge men and boys to a personal commitment to Christ.

4. To develop Christian fellowship among men in the Society of Friends by promoting Christian understanding.

5. To cooperate with other units of Quaker Men in the promotion of local, Yearly Meeting and general projects of Christian service.

The first national project undertaken by Quaker Men was the raising of funds for the construction of a new Friends Central building. Under the leadership of R. Ernest Lamb, this project will be terminated successfully with the dedication of the Central Office building during the sessions of Five Years Meeting this year.

The first national conference of Quaker Men was held in May, 1954, at East Whittier, Calif., with 175 men in attendance, representing eleven Yearly Meetings. From the fine fellowship, enthusiasm and inspiration of the sessions sprang new challenges, new concerns and new fields of service for Quaker Men.

Three definite actions were approved by the conference as the men looked to wider areas of service for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. They were:

1. Join in sponsoring a "Finish and Furnish" campaign to complete the Central Office building fund project.

2. Establish a revolving fund to aid in the establishment of new Friends Meetings.

3. Share with the Evangelism and Church Extension Board of the Five Years Meeting the task of seeking to retain or regain for the church those Friends who have moved to new locations. Names and addresses of non-resident members were sent to Meetings nearest their present location.

Later a supplemental program to aid in solving the non-resident problem was adopted. It is based on change-of-address notices received at the Friends Central Offices from the Postal Department for the *Quaker Action* mailing list. *Quaker Action* is sent to all Friends' homes in the Five Years Meeting (about 21,000 of them) and every time one of these families moves a change-of-address notice is received with the new address listed. By means of a form printed on a postal card, Quaker Men are forwarding this information to the Friends Meeting in the area where each member or family is moving. In this way every church will be notified when Friends move into its area and will have an opportunity to extend a friendly hand of fellowship and welcome. Nearly a hundred changes are processed every month.

A Quaker Men Dollar Day was sponsored this year to finance the various projects of the organization. A large number of churches as well as many individuals cooperated by sending in contributions. Beginning April 1, 1955, Merritt Murphy was appointed field secretary of Quaker Men on a third-time basis (2 days a week). He now serves as editor of *Quaker Action*.

Plans have been completed for a Quaker Men's dinner meeting on Saturday evening, October 22, during the sessions of Five Years Meeting with Charles Ball, president of Penn College, as speaker, and advance plans have been made for another national conference of Quaker Men to be held in the Wilmington area in the fall of 1956.

L. Glenn Switzer, Chairman
Merritt Murphy, Secretary

46. Freda Hadley gave the following report as a supplement to the printed report of the United Society of Friends Women:

In the eleven Yearly Meetings, there are approximately 12,000 women who make up the United Society of Friends Women. The organization had its origin in the Indianapolis Conference of 1888 and over the years interests and concerns have changed and multiplied. We have wanted to keep our organization pliable and sensitive to the needs we can meet.

A glance over reports for the past ten years is indicative of growth; our receipts in 1945 totalled $11,000. in 1955 they totaled $28,000. If the sums raised by Kansas and California women for their own mission boards and the large amounts spent on local and community projects were added to that which passed through our treasurer's hands, the total would be $106,000.

Our departments are working in cooperation with those of the Five Years Meeting and we hope to increase this cooperation to our mutual advantage. We see ourselves as a potential, a great tool to be used to help our own meetings, our Yearly Meetings and to extend our outreach beyond these limits, ever teaching "Chirst's way of life and bringing the Kingdom of God within us all."

The following Report was approved.

REPORT OF THE UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN

The word "growth" characterizes the United Society of Friends Women during the past five years. This has been true through the past seventy-four years of its existence, but it has been quite marked during the past decade.

Being Informed

We believe Friends women are growing in knowledge of the needs of people close by and far away. We believe our first duty is to inform ourselves, then as we become aware of needs, seek to grow into the right attitudes toward the people who call for help.

Contributing definitely to this growth is our Reading Course, which includes books on interdenominational study and those prepared on Friends outreach. More women are reading one or more of these books each year.

Our monthly program emphases offer a variety of subjects, stimulating expression on such Christian concerns as the Christian Home, Friends Schools and Colleges, Peace and United Nations, Race attitudes, etc., besides Home and Foreign Missions and our own fields.

Within our 367 societies reporting, there is developing an appreciation for the guidance they receive in the outline of program subjects and in the help to present these programs which they find in the FRIENDS MISSIONARY ADVOCATE, Blueprints, and the Program Packet. Much prayerful thought is given year by year to make these publications better and better. The ADVOCATE has a subscription list of 2800, and at present is self-supporting.

Our Stewardship

We base our giving on stewardship of time, talent and treasure. Of time and talents, we hope more and more women are giving; of our treasure, we do give increasingly. All time and effort is volunteer, from the national officers, secretaries and Advocate staff, throughout the Yearly Meetings and local societies.

Reports from societies show that over the last five year period, total yearly giving has increased from $72,000 to $106,000. This includes all monies which go through our treasurer's hands, that raised by California and Kansas for their own mission work and that raised and spent on local meeting and community projects.

The money for our four funds, labeled Faith, Hope, Love and Joy, pays salaries of four women workers, two in the United States and two overseas. The other funds, named Special Project, Youth, Children's and Thank offering are allocated each year to current needs of Boards and organizations after full consultation with those agencies.

The greater portion of our income is given to our Mission Board, with additional sums to other Five Years Meeting Boards, AFSC, Friends Committee on National Legislation and others.

Untold hours of work are spent by women to care for and equip their churches and parsonages. We know not how many tons of clothing are prepared for the American Friends Service Committee every year. Besides these, needs on our mission fields in the way of bedding and clothing are supplied.

Our Concerns

It is our desire to be of real help to our local meetings. If these are strong, the whole is strong. We are not separate and apart, but we desire to use the inspiration from our fellowship to make a real contribution to Friends work.

Our departments include Literature, Missionary Education, Youth, Children, Peace and Christian Social Relations, Stewardship and Christian Service. A secretary for each department leads in its activities.

We are able to cooperate better with the Boards of the Five Years Meeting because some member of our Board is a member in full standing on those Boards whose interests lie in the same fields as ours.

The United Society is glad to have a share in the wider outreach through United Church Women and other divisions of the National Council of Churches. The President is a member of the Board of Managers' of United Church Women and others serve on committees of the Council.

Personal Dedication

We emphasize personal commitment in our goals, believing we must be growing Christians in all of life's relationships. The Kingdom of God is within us as individuals. If we believe in the teachings of Christ, we must take them seriously, and think, talk and act as if we believed them to be true.

Freda M. Hadley, President

47. Oscar Marshburn and Winslow Osborne brought in the report from the Business Committee on Reorganization.

In the discussion, questions of the rotation of the Executive Council and full sessions were discussed briefly.

It was asked whether yearly meetings would make nominations under the old plan or whether they would be made under the new plan. It was felt that there should be short term appointments during the transition period.

The matter of having a representative of the Friends World Committee on the Executive Council on the same basis as that of the Service Committee was raised and referred to the Business Committee, which was also asked to consider the relationship of other allied Friends activities to the Executive Council.

The five year period versus the three year period was discussed; the feeling of the Business Committee being that the enlarged, more frequent Executive Council meetings would cause extra expense and that the next meeting of the general session should be delayed for five years.

The Business Committee was directed to have their recommendations on reorganization mimeographed and circulated.

Minutes of the session were read and accepted, as corrected.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24
7:30 P.M.

48. The session was opened by the singing of "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life." Sumner Mills presided and introduced the speakers, Charles A. Lampman and Douglas V. Steere, who considered the general subject of "Outreach and Service as Friends." Charles Lampman spoke of the great influence which the local meetings

have on the course of missions. "Are we really conscious," he said, "that when some life is touched in Kenya, it is our faith that is being proclaimed? The One who has led us to this point is One who has had glorious days: things are happening in the pageant of God in our world."

Charles Lampman continued by describing emerging patterns in the present day work with mission. (1) The mission today is a world mission finding itself and losing itself in an overwhelming sense of service and outreach. (2) There is a development of a partnership between the church at home and the indigenous church, the aim of which is to turn over responsibility to the church abroad as soon as possible. (3) More and more we as a Society need to present a united witness, to speak as a Society, not as a small group. We must love one another and work together, and we must cooperate with other bodies of Christians such as the Christian Council of Kenya. (4) Theological education can now be obtained in various areas: Africa, Cuba, and Jamaica, and it is possible to train workers nearer their homes. (5) There are great opportunities for service for young people. There are great days ahead and we need a new sort of missionary—young people with technical skills and spiritual depth.

"Quakers have not transformed the world", said Douglas Steere. "What the world knows of us, it knows through a few people secure at the center in a deep Christian security, free at the periphery. These people are secure enough at the center that they cannot be intimidated by conservative opinions. They are also not liable to the fallacy of misplaced concretions—no matter how a social custom looks they do not believe such customs are there forever.

Such security does not happen by accident, people only let go of a facade security when they find deeper security and when they have said the first "yes" and a crop of "no's." Conventional religion says "yes" to the Compassionate One and stops; prophetic religions says "yes" and stops, then says "no" and throws itself against what in society is incompatible with religion and stops; redemptive religion goes on to the third stage, where the "yes" is experimental, where it is adventurous and costly and where astonishing things begin to happen. This third level does not commend itself to conventional ways, but it is in the life. Quakers have had a taste of it but not enough.

In the creative "yes" there is the stuff of social testimony—it appears in the work at the United Nations, in Work Camp experiences, in the interracial projects. As a society we need to get closer to the poor, to develop projects close to local meetings, such projects as the building of convalescent huts in Africa; we need the sort of cooperation in which nine young families could support the tenth and in turn each family could be freed for a year in a creative project; we need to order our lives to make room for the "yes" of social witness, to put our whole lives into it. Ask yourself in your heart whether God says, "Come in. Come all the way in."

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
10:30 A.M.

Summaries of messages given Monday night were read and accepted.

49. The clerk recognized Ferner Nuhn who came with a minute from Pacific Yearly Meeting.

50. William Fuson introduced the members of the panel on "Social Concerns and Peace" each of whom spoke briefly.

Raymond Mesner spoke of the necessity of tender conscience, the perceptive insight into the world and the interaction of religion and the world within us. The challenge is to find a resolving force that will affect that military force which dominates the conference table.

Lewis Hoskins spoke of the joyous adventure which we face in peace and social concerns and especially mentioned support of the rights of conscience.

Raymond Wilson asked five questions:

1. What more can we do to develop a more vigorous Christian conscience on war?
2. What can we do to make clear the fact that we believe peace is possible?
3. What are we doing to strengthen the machinery for peace?
4. What are we doing to promote total military disarmament?
5. What are we doing to bring influence to bear on congress?

He appealed to Quaker Men to place full emphasis on Peace and Social Concerns for the next five years, for there is a world of peace to be built.

William Merton Scott pointed out that it was a part of the total Christian experience to say the "yes," then to say "no" to war. He also discussed functions of various organizations dealing with peace and allied concerns.

In the discussion period, the question was asked: In the presence of conscription problems, is Friends' tradition against oaths important enough to warrant action? Replies came from Raymond Wilson on the danger to fundamental freedom, from Harold Kuhn (Ohio) on the double standard of truth and the ineffectiveness of oaths in combatting disloyalty. William Clark asked if ignoring loyalty oaths was a creative position. Richmond

Miller asked about encouraging Quaker officials in high places to affirm, and Hilda Koch spoke of the casualties of the soul. "Do we as Friends give souls a new chance to become fellow citizens in human society?" she asked. The question, "What should Friends do to and for incorrigible violators of law?" was discussed by panel members, emphasizing the responsibility for a personalized approach to criminals and citing work in this line done by New York Yearly Meeting. Rachel Osborne and Hester Hoffman described institutional work; Rachel Osborne emphasizing the attitude to these so called spiritually ill, and Hester Hoffman the difficulties of becoming a prison chaplain.

There were many replies to the question: "How can we prepare youth to face issues of war and peace?" Merton Scott spoke of spiritual experience out of which testimony arises and education within meetings. Lewis Hoskins mentioned work camps; Richard Newby, careful counselling by pastors; Ann Brown the necessity of understanding young Friends and examining our own positions as older Friends; Clayton Terrell on the importance of beginning peace education early; Milton Hadley on teaching men to say "no;" John Sexton of our responsibility in our hidden thoughtless support of the military program without protest, calling special attention to the taxes we pay. Robert Davis referred to the 1660 message of Quakers on the root of our testimonies and described the British venture in reconciliation made as Friends went recently into China. Francis Brown spoke of the importance of the young man's making his testimony before his own friends and his monthly meeting. David Castle asked a question on the possibility of a campaign of repeal of conscription laws to which Raymond Wilson replied, saying that a definite campaign had not yet been started. He urged Friends to keep up testimonies on war. Stacy Wesner spoke of the necessity of informing monthly meetings concerning the possibilities offered by alternate service so that they can aid their young men. Richard Rowntree applied various points of Douglas Steere's address to the problems raised by the discussion and stressed the importance of interracial understanding.

The summary of the discussion was read and accepted.

51. At the opening of the devotional period Philip and Susie Meek Frazier sang "Take Up Thy Cross." William Clark, Principal of Oakwood School, continued the theme of the discussion as he offered a "Meditation for Peacemakers" consisting of brief scriptural passages, reflections upon them, and the following ten queries.

1. Do I really accept the humbling fact that I am saved by the grace of God in Christ, through the gift of faith, forgiveness and love, rather than by any goodness or achievement of my own?
2. Do I honestly recognize and act upon the truth that God loves every last one of his children as compassionately as he loves me—and that Jesus tells us to love one another in the same Godlike way?
3. Am I sensitive to spots of needs and conflict near or far, obvious or unexpected, in friend or foe, in individuals or in groups—or do I pass by on the other side, either fearful or consumed by my own wilful cares or plans?
4. When conflict within blurs my own spirit, do I turn in childlike trust to God and fellow members of the body of Christ for help—and do I accept it in true humility when it is offered?
5. Do I fully acknowledge as part of God's creative plan for man the value of the differences which

make for human individuality and group character—or do I secretly want to have everyone become like me and my group?

6. By demonstration and declaration, unafraid yet without violence do I bear witness to whatever portion of truth God may have given me and mine; and do I look and listen eagerly for the truth given to others?
7. Do I resist evil lovingly and seek to overcome it with good? Do I try to understand rather than to condemn, to cure rather than to punish?
8. Do I surrender my own last inner fortress of evil, my self-will, disguised under whatever mask of a noble cause—and do I sincerely strive to do God's will alone even to the limits of Gethsemane?
9. Do I seek consecrated membership in a small group, an upperroom fellowship which is fundamentally trying to become more and more the body of Christ—or am I content to rest secure in a conforming and respectable church organization in which devotion is impoverished by the weakness of long habit?
10. Do I seek daily and hourly, either consciously or unconsciously, for the companionship and guidance of the compassionate One—and when I fail in discipleship, do I come to Him in childlike sorrow for my sins, praying from the depths for forgiveness and restoration?

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
2:00 P.M.

At the opening session Herschel Folger led in the singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

52. A communication was read from the sixty-two

members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting present in these sessions, expressing their pleasure in attending and in the ties of fellowship felt. The clerk responded, thanking them for the communication and speaking of the glories of fellowship we have known together. Levi Pennington voiced the appreciation of other visiting Friends.

During the session Roger and Sarah B. Clark, London Yearly Meeting, were welcomed, and Roger Clark brought greetings.

53. Samuel Levering spoke for the Board on Peace and Social Concerns, speaking of Friends' lives and testimonics as the fruits of the spirit in Christian love. Activities and testimonies, all concerns of the board, consist of the building of good will to all, trying to get rid of war and its manifestation, building disarmament opinion, promoting law and order in arms control, strengthening the United Nations as an instrument for settling disputes. "The future of man depends on elimination of war as an institution—this is the most tremendous problem of the age", he said.

Samuel Levering spoke of other fruits of the spirit—testimony against segregation, concern for interracial matters, support of temperance, justice and opportunity for the less fortunate and for the refugee, concern for prisoners and the mentally ill, elimination of capital punishment. All these represent love in action reaching out to all men.

William Merton Scott referred to the printed report, discussed materials available for peace education, announced a three day institute for training of temperance workers at Quaker Hill and Earlham and a summer project to assist the East Africa Committee on Peace in the development of peace and social concerns in that country.

The following report was approved.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

This is the first report of the Board formed by the 1950 sessions of the Five Years Meeting uniting the Peace Board, the Public Morals Board and the Committee on Social Order into one body. During the five years there has developed a sense of unity in purpose and program that has strengthened all of these areas of work in the Five Years Meeting. Every area represented by the groups has received some degree of attention in the program of the Board. The main emphases of the work have been in the field of peace and public morals. The other areas of work have been race relations, economics, conscription, immigration and refugees, abolition of capital punishment, and better attitudes toward released prisoners.

Visitation

The Secretary of the Board has visited in most of the local meetings of every constituent Yearly Meeting except East Africa. This has included Quarterly Meeting visitations, Yearly Meeting sessions, conferences, training schools and committee meetings.

Publications

The Newsletter of the Board, "Summary" was combined with publications of the other Boards into Quaker Action. Temperance Talk Tips is a quarterly supplement to the Bible School temperance lesson. "On Christian Frontiers" is a monthly page in the *American Friend*. Packets of study material have been issued on the United Nations, Brotherhood Week, Christianity and Economics, International Affairs, Public Morals, Gambling, and Military Conscription. In association with other Friends groups we have contributed to the Calendar on International Affairs, a study packet. Many thousands of leaflets and small folders on subjects in the various areas of the Board's work have been distributed through the Yearly Meeting Committees. Many of these have been original publications of the Board. "The Friends Meeting and Alcohol", a manual for Public Morals Committees was developed and distributed to all Meetings in the Five Years Meeting. This publication has received considerable acclaim and a revised edition has been issued.

"Abundant Life for Added Years" was a study on the problems of aging Friends which was produced under the direction of the Executive Council. This study and its recommendations will likely form the basis for action in the years to come.

Conferences

The Board has participated in and sponsored many conferences including an all-Friends conference on the peace testimony, disarmament conferences, technical assistance and economic development, United Nations, temperance education conferences both in Yearly Meetings and on an inter-demoninational basis, race relations, and the outstanding Friends, Mennonities, and Brethren Conference held at Bluffton, Ohio, the first since the Newton, Kansas Conference of 1935.

We have also sponsored leadership training schools in Yearly Meetings, and a National Training School for Temperance Leaders is projected immediately following the sessions of the Five Years Meeting.

Draft Counseling

A major item of program of the Board during the past five years has been the draft counseling and information service. Here we have provided information concerning the technical development and requirements of the draft law to young people. This has led us to the production of turn-over charts and slides for assistance in these matters. We have shared in the responsibilities on a wider area by the Secretary of the Board serving on the Board of Directors of the National Service Board for Religious Objectors. We have assisted approximately 200 men in solving problems arising from classification or finding of work in the I-W program. These have sometimes involved direct contact with State or National Headquarters of Selective Service.

Audio-Visual Aids

The development of audio-visual aids as an educational method has been an important aspect of Board efforts. This has meant both production of materials as mentioned above and the distribution of other materials produced by others. The Board now owns and has in circulation a library of 16mm movies, sound and silent, both in color and black and white; a set of filmstrips, dealing with the United Nations, and with the problems of public morals, and the set of slides related to the draft. We have included in the library only the materials which we could recommend highly and which we feel to be the best available in their fields. These are made available for local meetings and Yearly Meeting Committees to use for normal rental fee to cover cost of maintenance.

Intercollegiate Awards

As in previous years the Board has supplied the annual awards for the Intercollegiate Peace Speech Association. However, in the past two years, in cooperation with the Mennonites and Brethren, the awards have been expanded and the program has doubled the amount of participation. More than 300 students from 60 colleges and universities participated during the past year.

Political Education Seminars

With the Young Friends Department of the Board on Christian Education we have sponsored annually political education seminars for both college and high school ages. The growing attendance and enthusiasm for these seminars indicate their worth.

Cooperation

The several fields of interest of the Board have led us into contacts and associations with many different organizations which can be of assistance to our program and to Friends in general. Among these are the following: The Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace is an effort of the national Friends organizations to keep one another informed as to program and to jointly sponsor certain items such as a seminar at the United Nations with the Quaker team there for peace leadership of the Yearly Meetings of Friends. We have shared actively in the program and conferences of the National Temperance League and are affiliated with the International Bureau Against Alcoholism with headquarters in Geneva. We have worked with the American Friends Service Committee in the resettlement of displaced persons under the previous legislation and currently in finding sponsors for refugees. In the National Council of Churches we are affiliated with the Department of International Affairs, the Department of Church World Service, Denominational Staff Council, Department on Church and Social Welfare and the Department on Cultural and Racial Relations.

The Board on Peace and Social Concerns has expended an average of $9,308.90 per year for the past five years. In addition to these funds there was expended in Special Project Funds $1,613.07.

The Five Years Meeting can offer Friends and other denominations friendly cooperation and a degree of leadership in solving our common problems of peace and Christian relationships. To do so, however, requires a dedication of spirit, exercise of the mind and generosity of giving to make such a program possible. Friends ought not to miss this opportunity.

Samuel Levering, Chairman
Wm. Merton Scott, Executive Secretary

54. The Board communication entitled "Statement of Concerns" was discussed in some detail, attention being called to phrasing and to the implications of concerns stated. The Board was asked to give it further consideration and delegates were advised to confer with Samuel Levering and Merton Scott meanwhile.

During the discussion Louis Kirkhoff (Western) presented the concern of a discussion group that young people be freed for Christian service. This concern should be carried back into the monthly meetings.

55. A committee appointed by the Executive Council last spring called a conference in September with representatives present from Wilmington, Western, Indiana, and North Carolina Yearly Meetings. The conference presented the following Minute to the Five Years Meeting:

Minute 3. The undersigned committee under the direction of the Executive Council (Minute E 14):

> "Merton Scott, David Henley, and Samuel Levering spoke to the concern of the Board on Peace and Social Concerns. The report 'More Abundant Life for Added Years' which has been prepared by the Board in response to the request of the Executive Council in 1954 that this Board follow up the concern for the aged, was accepted with appreciation. The Nominating Commiteee appointed a committee of three, Murray Johnson, Faith Terrell, Glenn Reece, to give further consideration to the concern, with the expectation of reporting to the Five Years Meeting in October, and to work with the Peace and Social Concerns office in considering the calling of a conference of Friends concerned with the proposed project of a Friends' community for the aged. Merton Scott's office will continue the necessary correspondence."

called a conference of representatives from Wilmington Western, Indiana, North Carolina and Baltimore Yearly Meetings. All these responded with official representatives with the exception of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

This conference in session at Quaker Hill, September 20, 1955 presents the following findings:

(1) There is a need for a community or communities for aging Friends.

(2) There is a growing sense of responsibility to meet this need adequately as evidenced by concern arising within the Yearly Meetings, and their appointment of committees.

(3) Those present feel this need can be met most effectively by the cooperative action of Friends within a group of Yearly Meetings rather than by Yearly Meetings acting separately.

(4) We suggest the continuation of the undersigned exploratory committee with addition of five or more concerned Friends who are competent to assist in business and legal matters.

(5) This expanded committee should report its findings to the Yearly Meetings in their sessions in 1956.

(6) While not a recommendation, it is the conscensus of the conference that the group of Yearly Meetings agreeing to cooperate in the project of a community or communities for the aging should jointly form an organization to develop the plan, promote and finance and eventually operate the community or communities.

(7) Friends desiring to contribute funds for this development should be encouraged to use the channels in their Yearly Meetings or they can deposit these in trust in the Fiduciary Corporation.

MURRAY JOHNSON
FAITH TERRELL
GLENN REECE
MERTON SCOTT, *Secretary for the Com.*

56. The recommendation for addition of five persons and continuation of the committee was accepted and referred to the Committee on Organization. On suggestion of David Henley, the meeting approved endorsing the report and actively encouraged the committee to go forward.

57. Percy Thomas reported briefly for the Committee on Aged Ministers and Missionaries.

The Report was approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES

During the past five years there have been five Aged Ministers & Missionaries who have received quarterly checks regularly. This has amounted to $4,670.00 which includes a Christmas Gift each and $100.00 was contributed to one for emergency help. Two other individuals were sent contributions during the five years period. Around $1,500 was received from Interest on Endowments, in addition to the percentage received of United Budget and a few designations namely from New York Yearly Meeting which has sent an annual contribution of $145.00 with the exception of one year.

The checks are sent through the superintendent or secretary of each Yearly Meeting so that there may be clearance with those who also make distribution for this purpose from Yearly Meetings funds. Some Yearly Meetings make substantial payments to retired ministers, missionaries in their membership.

Percy M. Thomas, Chairman

58. Chase Stevenson referred to the report of the Pension Committee and offered the following recommendation:

SUPPLEMENT TO THE REPORT OF THE PENSION COMMITTEE

We now have 68 active participants in the Retirement Plan, ten years after the adoption of the Plan.

During this period we have done everything we could, through personal contact, personal letters, discussions with individual pastors, etc., to promote the participation of pastors throughout the Five Years Meeting.

We have been told repeatedly that many of the ministers feel that they cannot afford to pay their 40% of the premium.

During the past year Social Security benefits have been made available to ministers on the basis of being "Self Employed." This would mean that the Social Security Tax would "supposedly" be paid entirely by the minister.

If before Social Security became available, ministers could not afford to pay 40% of the premium for the Retirement Plan, we feel that many may not take advantage of the Social Security benefits, and a number will elect to participate in the Social Security program in lieu of the Retirement Plan.

A brief study of Social Security benefits and of the Retirement Plan will show that *maximum* retirement income from the two plans will provide a monthly income of only $237.80 for a retired minister, and wife, both age 65, or 183.50 to the minister alone, and very few will be able to qualify for maximum benefits in either program.

Social Security does not give protection to a widow under age 65, and whose children are over age 18. For this reason a minister needs the life insurance protection available through the Retirement Plan, in addition to the retirement benefits.

With all this in mind two interested laymen attending this session of the Five Years Meeting, who are not members of the Pension Committee, have suggested that the provisions of the Retirement Plan Agreement be changed to provide that the employing Meeting or other organization, pay the total premium.

As a result we have informally discussed this suggestion with members of the Pension Committee, and several others, and find considerable feeling that it should be seriously considered.

So may I request, that the Pension Committee be authorized to study this suggestion, make its recommendations to the Executive Council, and be guided by its decision.

Chase Stevenson
Chairman of the Pension Committee

The following report was approved.

REPORT OF THE PENSION COMMITTEE

Total monthly income now underwritten	$ 3,128.50
Life Insurance - 44 contracts	224,854.00
Annuities - 21 contracts - monthly income	879.96
Maturity Cash Value - all contracts	490,695.77
Total Annual Premiums	12,410.53
Present number of Participants	65
Retirement contracts surrendered to date	8

Of the 16 Participants who have become employed outside the Five Years Meeting, 8 have continued to participate.

As the result of eight Participants surrendering their contracts $1,058.54 is now on deposit in the "Suspense Fund", as provided in Article Twelve of the Retirement Plan Agreement.

While our original estimate was $1,500 annually as the expense for the promotion and supervision of the Retirement Plan, the maximum in any one year has been $1,372.48. Since this has enabled the Plan to be cared for at a present annual savings of over $4,000 in premium outlay, which would have been paid out by Participants and Employing Organizations, we feel that our original provisions for promotion and supervision have proven good.

We are happy to report that two competent bodies have placed the seal of their approval upon the Five Years Meeting Retirement plan during the past year. The Board of Missions of the Five Years Meeting is now participating on behalf of all employees who desire to participate. The Friends Committee on National Legislation, after extensive study and investigation, has decided to provide retirement benefits for their employees by participating in our Plan. They anticipate ordering their first retirement contracts later this month.

Participation in the Retirement Plan has not increased as rapidly as had been anticipated. The Committee believes this is primarily because the initiative, in too many cases, has been left largely with the minister, or other employee, who should participate, instead of being assumed by the Committee on Ministry and Counsel or Oversight, also because some feel they cannot afford to pay their 40% of the premium for the Retirement contract. A recent survey, by the Committee, revealed that in most instances pastor's salaries are much less than wages paid for industrial work.

As Social Security benefits have now been made available to ministers, the Pension Committee prepared a statement which was sent to all ministers, through the office of Harold Tollefson, emphasizing the importance of ministers availing themselves of the benefits provided for them through the Social Security program, and showing that the benefits of both Social Security and the Retirement Plan are needed for the normal protection of one's family before and after retirement.

It is with some degree of satisfaction that, in the ten years since the Retirement Plan was adopted, the Pension Committee has found that the provisions of the Retirement Plan Agreement have been adequate to care for all questions, problems, changes and decisions which have been necessary. And we can truly say that we know of no similar plan which combines in the same degree sound security, reasonable cost and generous benefits.

Our Committee has lost one member by death. Hadley Kelsey, a member of the original Committee appointed to submit a retirement plan and a member of the first committee appointed to install and supervise the approved plan, made many valuable contributions. His place has been filled by Donald E. Cowgill, of Wilmington Yearly Meeting, who comes to us with large experience and competence in the field of life insurance and retirement plans.

The Committee takes pleasure in making of record its appreciation of the work of its Secretary, Linnet B. Rinehart, who has served us from the beginning of our work and who has been greatly lightened our labors.

The Pension Committee
F. Chase Stevenson, Chairman
Donald E. Cowgill
John J. Haramy
William C. Dennis
Herbert Huffman

59. Luby Casey recommended that each Yearly Meeting appoint someone to promote interest in the pension plan.

Small participation in the plan is due to lack of promotion, and unwillingness of Monthly Meetings to pay their part, and to financial inability of ministers to participate in the plan. Meetings can surely pay better salaries to their pastors, he said.

60. The Committee on Organization brought in the following report:

1. On the suggestion of the Auditor of the Five Years Meeting, we recommend that the Five Years in session, instruct the Executive Council to appoint an auditor annually, who shall be a Certified Public Accountant.
2. We recommend that if the Reorganization plan is approved, that Yearly Meeting delegations name representatives to the Executive Council from the respective Yearly Meetings, to serve until the Yearly Meeting shall make provision for their representation.

The first recommendation was adopted, the second recommendation deferred until later in the session, and the nominations approved.

Publication Board

Edward Nusbaum (Indiana)
James C. Matchett (Western)
Helen L. Woodard (Western)
Howard Thorne (Wilmington)
Asher Woolley (Indiana)

Editorial Council

Corona Rayle Cook (Nebraska)
Ashton M. Otis (California)
Mabel G. Bailey (New England)

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Wayne C. Carter (Indiana)
Samuel R. Levering (North Carolina)
Delbert E. Replogle (New York)

Committee on Stewardship

Ellen P. Robinson (Wilmington)
Billy Lewis (Indiana)
George Jenkins (California)
John M. Pipkin (North Carolina)
Clarence Bugher (Western)
Burton S. W. Hill (Canada)
Ella Tappana (Nebraska)

Ministerial Training

Herbert S. Huffman (Western)
John C. Harvey (Indiana)
Charles Ball (Iowa)
Max Rees (Western)
B. Russell Branson (North Carolina)
James Scherer (now Indiana. Will serve in Wilmington)
Donald Spitler (California)
Milton H. Hadley (New England)
Levinus K. Painter (New York)

Committee on Aged Ministers

Raymond D. Mesner (Nebraska)
Bernice H. Mills (Western)
Harold Votaw (California)
George A. Badgley (New York)
Luby R. Casey (North Carolina)

GLEN RINARD, *Chairman*
JEANETTE HADLEY, *Secretary*

61. Continuation of consideration on Reorganization

began as Winslow Osborne explained the amendment providing that new provisions referring to the Executive Council be put into effect in January, 1957.

The following report on the matter of non-Five Years Meeting groups being represented on the Executive Council was given by the Business Committee:

> The question of inviting the Friends World Committee to attend meetings of the Executive Council was considered. The Committee feels that the recommendation that the American Friends Service Committee be invited to attend was made in considerable measure because it has previously been represented on the Executive Council. We do not feel easy to recommend any further additions, even as non-members, from organizations not directly a part of the Five Years Meeting, and we believe that it should be kept in mind that we are here concerned with an *Executive* Council. The Council is of course free to invite any individual or group to present any particular concern at any designated time.

In the discussion Charles Lampman asked whether the Executive Council would choose, not merely approve, policy members of the staff. The reply was that while exact procedure was not worked out, the Executive Council would select appointees rather than give formal approval after selections were made.

Discussion opened as Burritt Hiatt expressed the feeling that the cost might be somewhat overestimated. George Badgley spoke in favor of the triennial meeting as did Dale Benton, Don Stanley, Bessie Haworth, Ruthanna Hadley, Wayne Carter, and David Stanfield; and Merle Davis expressed concern that the expansion of the Executive Council should increase participation of the members, and that it should be truly representative of the members of the Five Years Meeting. Tom Jones favored referring the proposition for the Triennial Meeting to the Yearly Meetings since the basic purpose is to bring the Five Years Meeting in touch with individuals.

Dale Benton contrasted the conference aspect of the Five Years Meeting with the purposes of the Executive Council which is designed to do business. Errol T. Elliott expressed approval of accepting the report. Glen Switzer suggested that the Executive Committee, as the reorganization progressed, could decide when the next full session should meet. The clerk raised the question as to whether Yearly Meetings could instruct members on the Executive Council on time of the session. Oscar Marshburn agreed that this would be possible. Later Levi Pennington expressed doubt on this and supported the idea of conferences between sessions. Ward Applegate reviewed the history of the movement to change from Five Years Meeting to Triennial Meeting and supported the Business Committee in deferring the decision. He mentioned various conferences between sessions as promoting the fellowship of Friends Robert Crow asked about the estimated cost, particularly the $15,000 and other items indicated as additional operation expense. The clerk expressed the feeling of the meeting that the report be accepted.

62. The last amendment affecting the time of changing the Executive Council was adopted. This entailed acceptance of the second item of the report of the Committee on Organization. Finally the full report of the Business Committee on the Report of the Committee on Reorganization was accepted by the Five Years Meeting.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PROPOSED REORGANIZATION

The Business Committee has considered the proposed reorganization prayerfully, and as thoroughly as the limitations of time have permitted.

We recognized the great amount of dedicated work which has gone into the report and are united in approving the major principles recommended. We feel, however, that some changes should be made, and we make the following recommendations:

We recommend that:

1. Each Yearly Meeting name two members to the Executive Council, who should be familiar with the work of the Yearly Meeting; (see recommendation 6).

2. The expense of the Executive Council meetings should be in the Assessment Budget.

3. We feel that Friends are not yet ready to change to meeting every three years, and we recommend that the question be referred to the Yearly Meetings, and that the staff be instructed to give all Yearly Meetings full, detailed information as to the increased costs (including travel pool) which would result from the change.

4. The Five Years Meeting use the historic representative system for Yearly Meeting representation instead of the delegate system.

5. The sessions be rotated among accessible and adequate places, with the Executive Council determining what locations meet these requirements.

6. Representation on the Executive Council to be as follows:

1 Presiding Clerk of the Five Years Meeting.

6 One representative from each Board.

1 One person to represent young Friends.

28 Two representatives or alternates from each Yearly Meeting regardless of whether members of a given Yearly Meeting are on the Council in other capacities. Six of these would be appointed by Cuba, Jamaica and East Africa Yearly Meetings, but since distance would preclude their attendance ordinarily, they would be corresponding members except at such times as they might be in the U.S.A.

1 Representative of the Trustees.

1 One representative from Quaker Men.

1 One representative from the United Society of Friends Women.

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That a representative of the American Friends Service Committee be welcome at all sessions of the Council, but not be a member of the Council, and that as thus changed the recommendation be approved.

7. That the Executive Council be directed to meet at least twice a year.

8. That the Executive Council as a whole choose all policy staff members.

9. The Executive Council should consider combining appropriate secretarial functions to achieve the best working results.

10. The reorganization committee's recommendation that Yearly Meeting secretaries or superintendents attend as members without expense to the Council with the suggestion that they consider pooling expenses be deleted as the matter is covered by recommendation No. 1 above.

11. The reorganization committee's recommendation that Yearly Meetings consider in their appointment to the Executive Council someone close to the inner work of the Yearly Meeting, such as Presiding Clerk, be deleted as the matter is covered by recommendation No. 1 above.

12. The reorganization committee's recommendation that there be two meetings of the Executive Council each year, one in April and one in October, be deleted as the matter is covered by recommendation No. 7 above.

13. The recommendation of the reorganization committee as to Program Council be changed to read: The Executive Council shall serve as a Program Council, and between the meetings of the Executive Council the Central Committee and the Administrative Staff shall serve as a Program Council, and as thus changed that the recommendation be approved.

14. The recommendation of the reorganization committee in regard to the titles of the Secretaries of the Boards be changed to read: The Executive Secretaries of the Boards be called Secretaries of the Boards and not associate secretaries of the Five Years Meeting.

15. The rest of the recommendations of the reorganization committee be approved in principle, and be put into practice by the Executive Council as way opens, and, as to these recommendations which result in the need of additional funds, as the Yearly Meetings express willingness to support such recommendations.

The recommendations referred to in this paragraph are as follows:

A. It is recommended that there be established a Board on Training for Church Vocations. (See page 19, recommendation E).

B. It is recommended that a Committee on Stewardship and Finance be established (See page 20, recommendation F).

C. It is recommended that Board and Committee projects and program materials intended for use by Friends of the Five Years Meeting, and major promotional plans and staff visitation in Yearly Meeting areas be submitted to the Program Council for coordination and approval.

D. It is recommended that the Publication Board publish all literature of the various Board and Committees.

E. It is recommended that the following procedure be employed in processing a particular publication when it is being suggested for the first time: (See page 21, recommendation J).

F. It is recommended that an American Friend Editorial Council of six, three of whom are to be local Friends, be appointed by the Executive Council with each member serving a term of three years, the terms of one third of the members to expire each year. (See page 21, recommendation K).

G. It is recommended that the following staff offices be established for the administration of the Five Years Meeting of Friends: General Secretary.
Administrative Secretary
Secretary of Stewardship and Finance
(See pages 21-24, recommendation III).

H. Recommendations:

1. That the fiscal year begin January 1, and end December 31.
2. That the following procedure be adopted in making up the budget: (See page 24, Recommendation B).

I. SUPPLEMENT TO THE REPORT ON REORGANIZATION

The following recommendations have been approved in principle by the Executive Council, but it was not felt that the time is appropriate for putting them into practice. They are added as a supplement to the reorganization report with the recommendation that they be approved in principle by the Five Years Meeting.

a. It is recommended that the office of General Secretary be separated from that of the Editor of the American Friend.

b. It is recommended pursuant to the approval of the report on reorganization that the provisions therein become effective as rapidly as personnel adjustments will permit and that the plan function for a period of three years before the provisions be made permanent. This will provide a testing preiod and give opportunity to make such adjustments as experience indicates are needed with the possibility of reviewing the plan at the first Five Years Meeting sessions following their adoption.

Submitted on behalf of and at the directionof the Business Committee

OSCAR O. MARSHBURN, *Chairman*

Estimated Cost:

New administrative secretary	$8,000 per year
Travel and meeting, new Board on Vocations	$1,500 per year
Separation of Editorship from General Secretary Secretaryship	$6,000 per year

Minutes were read and accepted.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25
7:30 P.M.

63. The session was opened by the singing of "Take My Life and Let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee" and the opening prayer carried the theme of dedication. May we be deeply moved, may we catch the vision of our mission in the world and dedicate ourselves to it. Charles F. Thomas, who presided, spoke briefly on Christian Education as an essential part of our work in preparing for tomorrow and presented Alexander C. Purdy, Dean of Hartford Theological Seminary.

Alexander Purdy, speaking on "Our Preparation For Tomorrow," commented on the extraordinary tyranny time exercises over us and offered the theory that the correlation of hunger and food may be a clue to the conquest of time. It surely enters into education, for the student must hunger for knowledge before he truly can be taught. Christian education also has a basic necessity for correlating hunger and food, especially since its vocational disease is a tendency to regard its techniques as sufficient, sure to produce results if skillfully used.

Alexander Purdy considered the mood, the motives and the means that should characterize Christian education. "I planted, Apollos watered, but it was God from beginning to end who gave the growth." All plans for Christian Education must be conceived in humility and reverence, attempted rightly in prayer and fasting. The task is not to adapt youth to culture but through culture to adapt him to the will of God. This is the mood in which Christian Education should be undertaken.

The motive is the development of Christian persons. That God is wanting and ready to redeem people lies behind all our convictions and techniques in Religous Education. Behind all plans and programs must be a great vision of a people to be gathered, and the motive that animates the work is the integration of individuals into the divine community. We are calling people to belong to God's people, their lives welded and bound together.

The means of Christian Education concerns the meeting, for it is the central principle. Young people have to feel themselves a part of the total whole; the program should not be for them alone but for the whole meeting. A planned program for Christian Education for the whole meeting should include study of the Bible, the history of Quakerism, the history of the Christian church and some knowledge of the religions of the world. We shall need to bring the gospel into business and the home of every man by every means effective in the community—not only in words but in actions. Every meeting has unexplored resources in its members which it should utilize. If all can be involved in the creative task of Christian Education, learning and teaching, using leisure time, then the whole meeting can be drawn into the living fellowship.

The supreme equipment for Christian Education is the touch of the Compassionate One.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26
10:30 A.M.

The session opened by a silent worship and a prayer for the inflowing of the love and compassion of Christ and for the strength and devotion to carry his work forward.

64. A panel consisting of Margaret Garone (Chairman), David Castle, Ruth Day, Verlin Hinshaw and Leonard Hall considered Christian Education. "Christian Education is an ever-continuing process in which there must be something to know, to feel, to choose and to belong to; its central purpose is the great purpose, the development of Christian persons," said the chairman. Members of the panel discussed various avenues of religious education. In speaking of the church school, David Castle asked the questions: What evidence do we have of involving more people in the program? What can you point to to show that people are growing? What plan do you have for keeping up with population growth of the community? He suggested full guidance programs for all age levels, a creative method of teaching, the development of church and family relationships to make the work of religious education vital. Ruth Day spoke of work in Quaker camps, stressing the importance of Christian leadership alert to the spiritual needs of the creative Christian experiences that should occur during the camping period, and development of leadership through camp experiences.

Verlin Hinshaw spoke on the matter of what we can do to make college years contribute to development of active church membership and made five suggestions:

1. College meetings and home meetings should assume responsibility for the guidance and welfare of young people.

2. Higher education in Quaker colleges should center on God's revelation of himself in Christ.

3. Courses in Christian religion should be required. Would it not strengthen Quakerism to make one course in Quakerism required?

4. Students should be encouraged to choose courses to help them fill positions in the meeting.

5. The success of a Christian college depends on an enlightened and informed constituency; its strength comes from meetings.

Noel Palmer offered two observations: that interest could be retained if local meetings would provide students going away to study with letters or minutes and that if the whole meeting could produce a program for religious education, it would be valuable to study it in unison.

William Reagan spoke on the importance of trying to discover and understand the spiritual hungers of young people.

Allan White mentioned three aids in religious education:

1. The appointment of class mothers to relate the home to the school.

2. The establishment of junior monthly meetings.

3. The appointment of teachers on specialized subjects for short terms.

Robert Jones spoke of the growth and expansion of faith during college years as the earlier childhood faith is replaced by the mature. Early teaching should lay the foundations for the growth.

Oralia Gonzalez, through the interpretation of Miguel

Tamayo, expressed the conviction that mothers should give spiritual teaching in words and by example.

Caesar Ortiz, assisted by Merle Davis, described the home for Christian students in Havana and suggested establishing a Friends Center in Havana, especially for the young Friends studying there. This concern he will carry to the Mission Board.

Lela Mills spoke on the preparation of church school teachers.

Hilda Hoch contrasted spiritual and physical hunger, saying that the more spiritual food we receive, the greater our hunger is.

Yukio Irie, of Japan, said that the reason why Quakerism in Japan has had a revival of interest was that Quakers from this country have loved the people of Japan.

Vesta Stanfield briefly described a program of cooperation between homes and schools.

In closing the chairman said, "Not where we stand, but the direction in which we are moving is of major importance."

Minutes of the morning session were approved.

65. Nominations offered by the Organization Committee were approved.

Nominations of five additional persons for the Committee on the Home for Older Friends (growing out of the recomendation from the Board on Peace and Social Concerns on Tuesday):

Earl Robbins (Indiana)
Esther Farquhar (Western)
Ruth Stoffregen (Wilmington)
Leslie Frazer (Indiana)
Horace Stubbs (New York)

Nominations for Members-at-large on the Executive Council:

Charles Ball (Iowa)
Willard Ware (New England)

Norval Webb (Indiana)
Algie I. Newlin (North Carolina)
Clara Henderson Stratton (New York)
Ellen P. Robinson (Wilmington)
T. Clio Brown (Nebraska)

GLEN RINARD, *Chairman*
JEANETTE HADLEY, *Secretary*

66. The devotional period was opened by the singing of "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee." The messtge brought by Richard Newby centered on the question in the sixth chapter of Isaiah, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" and the answer, "Here am I; send me."

The same question is asked today. What is our response in the Society of Friends? We must stand up and be counted; are we on the side of truth and justice? Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide; then the choice goes by forever. We should not be driven by the American concept of success, for in the Kingdom of God we are guided not by such success but by a sense of what is right in the sight of God.

What can I do? Here are a few answers to that question:

1. Keep alive the faith in the goodness of God, remembering that the heart must be open to spiritual reality.

2. Try to find good in every situation of life and work toward it. Follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit rather than seeking the sanction of the crowd.

3. Learn to be fully responsive to the suffering of the world. As long as any one suffers, we must suffer; there is no escape. He who loves most deeply suffers most and seeks to relieve the sufferings of others.

4. Remind ourselves that we are not alone. No one must carry his burden alone. The Lord is still our God, and he never leaves himself without a witness. There

is always a remnant on his side, and no one can ever forsee what use he will make of that remnant.

5. Though we cannot control the destiny of the world, there is something simple and small and near which we can do. The darkness of the world cannot put out the light of a single candle.

Whom shall I send? Here am I, send me. I am only one, but I am. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I ought to do, by the grace of God, I can do.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

2:00 P.M.

The session opened with the singing of "Take Time to be Holy", led by Ellen Robinson.

67. Russell Rees, Secretary of the Board on Christian Education, called attention to the trends of the committee as given in the printed report and presented Olaf Hanson and Wayne Carter, who described the work of the Children's and Young People's departments. Olaf Hanson spoke of the new Primary curriculum which has been developed, the audio-visual library which makes it possible for meetings to share in the use of materials, and *The Friendly Year Book*. Wayne Carter called attention to printed materials available for use in Young People's groups, to the Washington seminars, and to the course in preparation for membership which has been widely used.

Russell Rees cited the central purpose of Christian Education and spoke of the necessity of producing more and better materials and using better methods to meet the challenge of an expanding age. "We face wider responsibilities than before and greater competition for attention, and we solicit your support and ask for your suggestions," he said.

The report was approved.

REPORT OF BOARD ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, in a *Guide for Curriculum*, summarized the goals of Christian Education, as follows:

> "The central purpose of a good curriculum (of Christian Education) is the development of Christian persons, - not just good people or better people, but transformed and redeemed people, completely committed to the will of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, and participating effectively in the work of the church."

At different times, we state the purpose of Christian Education in different language, but in general this represents the aims and goals of our work. Of course even Timeless Truth must be communicated to growing persons in timely language and with timely methods and curricula.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD

The Board is composed of two representatives from each of the constituent Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting, one of these members representing the Young Friends work. In addition there are seven members at large, appointed by the Board itself. This Board, plus the employed staff people constitute the working Board. It is interesting to note that although these appointments are for a five year period, only five Yearly Meeting representatives, and only two members-at-large have continued throughout the quinquennium. This changing personnel of the Board creates difficulties in the matter of continuing policy and method, but also means that a large number of persons do share in the work of the Board during any given five year period.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Leonard Hall came to the Board as Secretary and Editor of Adult Publications, just prior to the sessions of the Five Years Meeting in 1950. He has served with efficiency during the five year period now ending. Part of the time he has divided his services with the Publication Board. While we have worked under some handicap in this arrangement it has brought the work of the two Boards closer together, and has brought about a closer understanding of our common problems.

Olaf Hanson has also been with the Board throughout the five year period, serving as Editor of Children's materials. In addition to her editorial and writing work, she has also heightened our understanding of and concern for the children's work. Her conferences for children's workers have been benificial to our Board, and to the Yearly Meeting workers who have been able to attend.

The Youth Department has not been so fortunate in terms of continuity of service. Lawrence Peery served part-time during the early part of the period. He was followed by David Stanfield, dividing his time with Wilmington Yearly Meeting and our Board. Richard Faux was then Young Friends Secretary for two years and at the conclusion of his services Harold Smuck carried on the office work, while serving as pastor of the Valley Mills Meeting. The part-time arrangements, while greatly appreciated, have left us without adequate field work for this department, and it is with great expectation that we are able to announce the appointment of Wayne Carter, as Young Friends Secretary.

The high quality of our materials, by which we serve the meetings of the Five Years Meeting, is largely dependent upon the insight, the devotion and the ability of our editors, and the valuable contributions of Friends who are asked to write for our Publications. We feel greatly indebted to these secretaries and editors for their faithfulness and their creativity in the work of the Board.

FIELD WORK

At each annual meeting of the Board we spend time talking about the desirability of more field work by members of the staff. The need for personal visitation to monthly meetings is recognized by all. However the very practical question of adequate time for the editorial and office work is pressing also. The staff has attempted to give as much time as possible to visitation, and the record of this work over the years shows a remarkable number of visits to the meetings, and also shows that in a period of years all the Yearly Meetings have been visited.

For example a typical year reveals that one or more of the staff persons were present in nine of the eleven Yearly Meetings, and that the two which were not visited one year were visited the following year.

An adequate program of field work would call for additional persons representing the Board, and plans for future activity of the Board should include personnel for such work.

DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The work of the Board falls into several different areas, and to implement this division of responsibility, the Board is divided into four (formerly 5) departments—Children's, Youth, Adult and Christian Home Life, and Leadership training. Development is to be seen in all of these departments.

The Children's department, under the chairmanship of Ruth Day, has kept a constant pressure on the Board for a more adequate ministry to the children of the meetings. A major step in this direction was the adoption of new Primary materials. We are now publishing a Quarterly, and Teacher's manual for the primary work of the Sunday Schools which has won wide acceptance, and is now serving our needs in a much better way than anything we have formerly done. The *Penn Primary Bible Stories* and the *Penn Activities Sheets,* together with the *Message To Parents,* have been useful additions to our materials.

Another addition to the Children's work has been the *Friendly Year* Book, a source book for workers with children, which broadens the base of children's programs in the Meetings.

A significant development in this department has been the realization of an active Children's Department, made up, not only of those persons interested in this department from the Board, but of persons in the Yearly Meetings as well. Four meetings of this department have now been held, and the encouraging results are reported to us in our annual meetings.

A Coordinating Committee on the Missionary Education of Children has also been set up to develop materials for the children's department along the lines of our own mission work.

The Youth Department with Wayne Carter as chairman, has also been pioneering in new areas. For a number of years the Youth Department has been holding a mid-year meeting in the fall, thus supplementing the time available at the annual meetings in April. This has added materially to the effectiveness of the department.

Two concerns of the department have grown into actual helps for Youth Work in the Meetings, namely the Friends of Youth, and the Guide to Program Planning. The Friends of Youth program was intended to assist sponsors and Youth leaders as well as Young people to be more effective in directing the activities of the local youth groups. The Guide was an effort to assist in providing materials for the Youth groups.

A major concern has been the need for Junior Hi materials, and after thoughtful study for several years the department has now set up a proposed three year outline of undated lessons for this age group.

A course in *Preparation for Membership* has been under development for some years also. A preliminary outline was developed by Harold Smuck, and was reviewed by the Board, tested in various Meetings, and with further editing has now been recommended for printing and for wider circulation and use.

Notable projects have also been the Work Camps and the Seminars sponsored by the department. Work camps for high school age youth have been held at Friendsville Academy, with the Oklahoma Indians at Council House. The Washington Seminars were designed to help young people think constructively about the many complicated problems of the day, and to develop interest on their part in the Federal Government.

The department has also had a large part in the American Young Friends Planning Committee in setting up the Conferences of all American young Friends. This, in turn, has led to the organization of the Young Friends Committee of North America, in which the Youth Department has from the first been active.

The Sunday School material for the department is the *Penn Youth* Quarterly which we have edited for several years. This is continuing to be widely used by Young People's classes in the Sunday schools.

The Christian Home Life and Adult Departments, after cooperating together for several years, were combined into a single department, as their concerns so often overlapped. They held their first mid-year conference the past year, inviting concerned persons from the Yearly Meetings to share in the conference, and bringing in leadership from the National Council offices. Plans were made here for expansion of the work of the department.

One of the services rendered has been the collection and distribution of literature applicable to their work. The growing interest in cooperation between the home and the Sunday School, and the increasing amount of writing being done in this field, opens doors of new opportunity for their work. Margaret Terrell has been the chairman of the department for the past year, and she has stimulated the Board to a new concern for this phase of our program.

The Leadership Education Department, with Charles Thomas as Chairman, has faced a changing emphasis in their work throughout the whole Christian Education movement. The somewhat formal and highly organized Leadership Training Schools of a generation ago have given place to more simple, less organized, but more practical approach to the needs of the Sunday schools. In keeping with this trend the department has been reorganized, with a representative from each of the departments working in this department. This merely reflects the realization that much is done in all departments falls under the head of leadership training.

Encouragement is given to local Sunday schools to undertake training at the level which most nearly fits the needs of the school. Guidance may still be found through the Leadership Education guides of the National Council but the emphasis is upon beginning where we are, and proceeding according to need and local ability.

At the same time a beginning has been made in setting up standards of efficiency in the various offices of the Sunday Schools. It is proposed eventually to have such standards in the form of simple cards, available to all schools, teachers and officers.

THE PENN SERIES

Eighteen years ago the Board on Christian Education was set up by the Five Years Meeting. At the time we were writing no Friends materials for the use of Sunday schools. We were editing some quarterlies which we bought from other denominations, but we had no regular writers, and only part time staff services. The development in eighteen years is really noteworthy. We have come to see that our field is literally from the cradle to the grave, and that we must try to provide usable and Friendly Sunday school materials for all age groups.

Today the Adult Quarterly and the Adult Teacher are written entirely by Friends, and it is a Friends publication from cover to cover. The Primary and Junior Teacher's manuals are also our own, written entirely by our staff or other Friends asked to help in their production. In addition, several pieces of study material, undated, have been prepared for the Junior Hi course, and Units in the Junior and Primary courses have been prepared for us by the staff. We still buy and edit the Primary, Junior and Youth quarterlies, but they are given the emphasis desired by Friends.

The Children's editor, Olaf Hanson, has been giving much time to developing materials for the preschool age child, to Letters to Parents, the Friendly Year Book, as well as to the regular productions.

THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

The Editorial Committee has taken an important place in our growing work. Nellie Markle, whose death during this quinquennium was a great loss to our Board, was the chairman of the Committee for several years, and gave countless hours to counseling and advising with staff persons. Truman Whitaker succeeded her as the Chairman, and has given three years service to the Committee.

Annually the Committee evaluates the publications, trying to take an unbiased view of the materials, reviewing suggestions which come from the field, and trying to see clearly the directions in which we should move in our publications.

The remarkable advance made in the few years of the Board's existence is due in no small measure to the thorough way in which the Committee has worked. The editorial committee has made an extended study of the goals of our curriculum and program during the past two years, with the purpose of completing a well-rounded, unified curriculum; and also with real attempt to meet the needs of people in each age group in our local meetings.

THE BUDGET

In order to produce these new materials, it has been necessary to increase the expenditures of the Board. An enlarged staff, more office expense, and increased cost of production have all entered in the picture. In 1950, we asked for a budget of $15,000 and actually received and spent $13,579.00. For the year 1954-55, we asked for a budget of $25,000, and actually spent $22,325.00. In the light of the great increase in materials going out of the office this seems a very reasonable increase in expenditures.

TRENDS IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education has been undergoing changes of importance in recent years and these trends appear in the work of the Board. Some of these trends may be listed as follows:

1. The joint responsibility of the home and the Sunday school, causing more effort to enlist parents in the Christian teaching enterprise.
2. A new interest in the pre-school age child, and the development of materials suitable for this age.
3. More attention to parent's need, in view of the greater importance attached to home cooperation.
4. Re-discovery of the Junior Hi age group, and preparation of lesson material for them.
5. The wider use of undated and graded materials for all age groups, but especially giving attention to Junior Hi and Youth group materials.

6. Significance of Adult work, dividing into Young Adults and Older Adults, realizing that Adults do learn and grow.
7. The development and use of Audio-visual materials for use in all departments of the Sunday school.
8. The trend toward informal leadership education, rather than the more formal and complicated methods formerly used.
9. The Demonstration class method of training of teachers.

PROMOTION

Cooperating with other Boards, we share in the production of *Quaker Action,* a channel of communication and inspiration, which now reaches a large percent of the homes of Friends of the Five Years Meeting. Education and persuasion are slow methods, and the results are not easily measurable. But slow as they may be they are still necessary methods of bringing about an informed, alert, and consecrated membership in our Friends Meetings.

If we may refer back to our opening quotation, we would say that the long-term purpose of all our work is "the development of Christian persons—persons completely commited to the will of God as revealed in Jesus Christ."

To this task we must bring our best leadership, our loyal co-operation and our liberal support. The sowing and the watering, as Paul reminded us, are our responsibility, but the real growth and lasting value of the work belongs to God, and it is our high privilege to be workers together with him.

Russell E. Rees, Chairman
Leonard R. Hall, Secretary

68. James Matchett spoke for the Publication Board, discussing the three fields of activity, *The American Friend,* the publications of the Board on Christian Education, and the Book Store.

Errol T. Elliott encouraged Friends to subscribe to *The American Friend;* and Richard Kendall called attention to the financial report of the Book Store and the policies listed in the printed report.

The following Report was approved.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION BOARD

Great strides have been made in the quality and content of our

Friends Sunday School publications; they are more attractive in appearance, moderate in price, and are more widely used. This superior achievement for a small religious publisher means wider acceptance and use, by Friends, of their own literature which in turn creates a more stable financial basis.

In regard to our Sunday School Publications, we are fully in accord with the objectives of the Board on Christian Education in producing literature that fully reflects the ideas and ideals of Friends. Circulation is restricted and the prices charged cannot be too great so we are forced to subsidize some items that are actually sold below printing costs.

Before World War II during the five year period April, 1935—March, 1940, a $127,006.39 volume left a balance of $15,342.13 without the aid of a subsidy. Immediately after the Second World War there was a swift rise in the cost of production and overhead. This meant a corresponding increase in price was needed to avert financial disaster. With a total income of $217,674.00 (including $8,006.09 in subsidy) there was a deficit of $8,579 incurred during the five years period April, 1945—March, 1950. The chief reason for this complete change was due to a decrease from a 33% average operating margin during 1935-1940 to a 22½% average operating margin 1945-1950. In other words, the retail price did not keep pace with rising costs, and if the operating margin decreases without corresponding increase in the price per unit or quantity of production and distribution, there will be serious complications. A step in correcting the drop has been made in the past five years. The margin has pulled itself back half-way to where it was 15 years ago, or in other words, the average margin was 27½% during the past five year period. This was accomplished in several ways. One was that the retail price began to catch up with production costs. Some overhead costs were reduced; and we began to charge the postage bill to the customer.

These policies helped strengthen the organization financially without curtailing efficient service. Thus an income of $294,158.91 in 1950-1955 was a 35.1% increase in income over the previous five year period.

This means that there was a balance of $1,230.56. We should all be happy and proud that we are in the black again. However, we must realize that without a subsidy of approximately eleven thousand dollars, we would have had a deficit of more than nine thousand dollars.

Therefore compared with fifteen years ago there is a difference of $24,980.70 (-$9,638.57 and $15,342.13). Every effort to improve our publications and program is handicapped by lack of funds. We must strive to improve organization and cut down costs, and it is just as important that we break even during the next five years without subsidy. Every effort should be made by all concerned to help create a sound financial program. This must be kept in the forefront of our thinking during this next five year period.

To accomplish this task several plans must be formulated and put into action. The following policies are certainly justified:

1. A complete catalogue of supplies of the Book Store and other materials available from the Boards. (This has been started and we hope it will be completed this fall.)
2. That more of our publications will be written and edited by Friends to insure proper religious education for the members of our Meetings.
3. That continued effort will be made to make our publications attractive and durable.
4. That the retail price should be kept at a moderate level in line with other publishing houses' literature.
5. That the retail price should be adjusted in accordance with the fluctuation of cost of production either up or down.
6. That overhead should be kept to a minimum without serious detriment to service.
7. That the mail order business and consignments at Conferences and Yearly Meetings be stressed now that we have better storage and shipping facilities.
8. Advertising and promotion through the American Friend, Quaker Action, Yearly Meeting papers and local media, in addition to an up-to-date catalogue.
9. That no subsidy shall be asked. (Started April 1, 1955).

There is a definite need for good Friends centered literature whether it be Sunday School literature, Pendle Hill and A.F.S.C. pamphlets or adult and childrens' religious and informative books. With better coordination and communication of our entire organization the Friends Publication Board will continue to provide the services wanted and needed on a self-supporting basis.

The American Friend

The editorial policy of *The American Friend* aims at making the journal a sounding board for points of view as well as furnishing inspiring and informative treatment of present day issues. Whereas the new bulletin, *Quaker Action*, promotes the work of departments primarily, *The American Friend* furnishes interpretation of our work.

In alternate issues the Mission Board and the Board on Peace and Social Concerns each furnish one page. Also in concern for Christian Education a page on the Bible lessons is provided. Russell E. Rees has written these comments until recently when he came to the administrative work of the Board on Christian Education. His page was a very popular feature. Several writers are being asked to contribute following the withdrawal of Russell Rees as commentator.

Following the closing out of the Nicholson Printing firm which had printed *The American Friend* for many years, the Church of the Brethren Press at Elgin, Illinois, did the printing very acceptably. Due to an offer greatly reducing the cost the contract was given in 1954 to the Economy Printers at Berne, Indiana.

The comments of our readers are very gratifying, but we feel the need for a much larger number of subscribers, which for the past five years has been somewhat less than 3000. Due to lower printing costs by using the printers at Berne, the subsidy has been reduced form $3,500 to $2,250. Errol Elliott serves as editor with Eleanor Zelliot as assistant.

69. Clyde A. Milner mentioned the report of the Board on Education and shared the concerns of the Board for the education of Friends everywhere, proposing these queries:

1. Are we aware of the contributions as well as the needs of schools and colleges and do we give schools the moral, spiritual and financial support they deserve.
2. Do we really believe that Friends have contributions to enrich the total concept of education in this country? Friends' education at its best shows a concept of the unity of knowledge, the quality of life exemplified by lives of teachers, the friendliness, the cultivation of inner spiritual life.
3. Are we constantly building education units into the total program of outreach? Do we consider the relation of schools to the fifth query, beginning,

"Do you seek conversion and spiritual development of young people?"

William Reagan observed that sending a child to college is a joint enterprise of parents, meetings and colleges, stressing the cooperation possible. He also mentioned the obligation to teachers in public schools and the great necessity of getting children to read worthwhile books.

The following report was approved.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON EDUCATION

The Board on Education, during the past five years, has endeavored to encourage the maintenance of Quaker educational ideals in its colleges and secondary schools. The work has been promoted by the members of the committee without employed assistants. Each year two meetings have been held: one at the time of the sessions of the Executive Board of the Five Years Meeting; and the other in January when the presidents of Friends Colleges were assembled for the conferences of the Association of American Colleges.

At the January meetings the president of each Friends institution represented reported on its current program and problems. This sharing has developed a closer fellowship, a helpful exchange of experiences and ideas, and has built a unity of purpose and concern for the total program of Quaker education.

Some of the mutual concerns were: the distinctive Quaker education approach to subject matter and the individual student; the choice and continued training of faculty members, the selection of suitable students, the careful consideration of the number of enrollees especially because of the phenomenal increase of applicants for training in secondary schools and colleges, and the particular responsibility of Friends schools and colleges to provide adequate training for leaders in the Society of Friends.

Friends have always emphasized the belief that each person has a ministry and must dedicate himself completely to his calling. However, man's latent talents must be developed through adequate training in order for him to carry on his ministry most effectively. This basic concept of the Society of Friends necessitates the education of all of its members in all the fundamentals of religion, science, and culture. Because of this belief Quakers have emphasized general education. Since specialized schools have not been established by Friends, it is important that more attention be given in the secondary schools and colleges to the preparation of those who find their ministry in teaching, social work, and preaching.

During this five-year period, the Board has been interested in organizating and encouraging all Friends teachers. As a result of this concern, conferences for teachers, which provided opportunities for fellowship and for discussion of mutual problems, have been held in several Yearly Meetings.

A request from the Board of Missions for the Board on Education to cooperate with it in its educational work in mission schools was sympathetically received and methods of cooperation are being explored.

The observance, on the second Sunday after Easter, of the annual Christian Education Day, which is sponsored by the National Council of Churches, has been encouraged; our schools and colleges have been advised to make available special programs for local meetings.

The endowment fund given for the work of the Board on Education has been reestablished at $10,000. The annual net earnings of this fund have made it possible for the Board to promote its projects without funds from the general budget.

The Board on Education continues to encourage the closest possible cooperation between the meetings, schools, and colleges, for only as the work is promoted by all Friends will needs be met and the greatest creative potential of our religious and educational institutions be released.

Clyde A. Milner, Chairman
William J. Reagan, Secretary

70. Oscar Marshburn read the following report from the Business Committee and the recommendations were accepted.

A. While the Committee is not in harmony with statements made by some persons connected with the National Council of Churches and with the World Council of Churches we feel that membership of the Five Years Meeting in these Councils results in values which should be preserved, and we recommend that, for the present, our membership be continued. While we feel this recommendation should be made we also wish to re-affirm our respect and love for Nebraska

Yearly Meeting Friends, and our respect for their point of view. We recommned that a copy of this minute be forwarded to Nebraska Yearly Meeting, to the National Council of Churches and to the World Council of Churches.

B. The matter of employment of a secretary to serve the Board on Evangelism and Church Extension and the Committee on Ministerial Training has been fully covered by the reorganization report, which has already been adopted by the Five Years Meeting, and therefore no recommendation is made on this matter.

C. It is recommended that the Executive Council be requested to study the desirability of separating the Missionary Budget from the United Budget, and a clarification of budget terminology, and report to the next session of the Five Years Meeting.

D. In connection with reorganization it is recommended that the enlargement of the Executive Council (report items No. 1 and No. 6) and the twice a year meetings of the Council (report item No. 7) become effective January 1, 1957. This change is recommended to avoid budget difficulties.

71. Robert Crow asked for the reading of the reasons given by Nebraska Yearly Meeting for requesting the Five Years Meeting to withdraw from the National and World Council of Churches. Since these had been submitted to the Business Committee they were not read in full session.

72. The Board on Peace and Social Concerns submitted alternate readings for "Statement of Concerns." Full discussion showed such a difference of opinion that it was felt that the Board should entitle the report, "Preliminary Draft for Study — A Statement of Concerns", circulate it among the Monthly Meetings for comment and study, and bring the revised draft to the Executive Council at the April meeting.

73. Herbert Hadley read the Message to all Friends everywhere. It was suggested that mention of Young Friends be inserted. The message was heartily approved by the Meeting.

A MESSAGE OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS

To Friends Everywhere:

The Five Years Meeting of Friends, in session October 20 to 26, 1955, has met from day to day under a growing sense of unity. Brought together with the impelling conviction that we must face the future with Christ, we have desired the wholeness of life with Christ at the center. We recognize, however, the fragmentation which hinders our vocation in the Christian cause. In our worship, in our study of the Bible, and in our discussion groups large and small, we have sought to understand our true vocation. In this common endeavor we have felt drawn together in unity with one another.

We have been ably reminded of the great heritage which we have in the power of the message proclaimed by George Fox and other Friends of his day. History and tradition can serve us, but they cannot save us. The dry bones of the past may live again as we come "to know a place to stand in and what to wait in." The strong sense of fellowship with one another in Christ supports us today as we go forward.

From the more recent past we have found joy in the cooperative effort of all our Meetings toward the planning and construction of a headquarters office building for the Five Years Meeting at Quaker Hill in Richmond. During these sessions enough money was received to wipe out all debt on the building and its furnishings; and Sunday afternoon was given over to a service of dedication of the building when we dedicated also "ourselves anew to the service of Christ and the demonstration of His Way of Life."

The achievement of the new office building has been the result in large part of the initiative taken by Quaker Men. Since its organization on a nation-wide basis five years ago, the Quaker Men movement has made a great contribution to the Christian cause among us. The United Society of Friends Women has continued to be a channel through which many of our concerns have found expression. When more than one thousand Quaker men and women sat down together for a meal at Earlham College on Saturday night, our experience of fellowship reached a high level for these sessions. On the same evening 250 young Friends met together in another place. Our younger members have participated freely and helpfully in all phases of our program.

A keen desire that Friends in all our Meetings might share more fully in the life of the Five Years Meeting has moved us to consider a proposal for reorganization of part of our business structure. Decisions reached in this matter place emphasis on a broader representation from all our constituent groups and more ferquent meetings for the purpose of conducting the business of the Five Years Meeting.

The presence in our sessions of representatives from Mexico, Cuba, Jamaica and East Africa Yearly Meetings has united us with the work on our mission fields. Friends from other Yearly Meetings on the North American Continent and overseas have greatly enriched our fellowship. Their presence has continued our sense of unity with all Friends.

The local Meeting and its ministry has been very much on our hearts in all our considerations. We have been reminded that all are ministers, that each member has a responsibility to willingly respond to the call of God to service. To some, God's call is for a ministry of special concern, requiring full attention and time for long or short periods. We have been reminded of the Meeting's responsibility to these who labor in Christ's Kingdom—a responsibility to give a full measure of support in accord with the material and spiritual needs of God's servant and his family. The mutual love and support which members of a local Meeting give to each other can make the Word incarnate in our lives.

No life is so secure as that life which keeps Christ at the center; and the life whose center is secure may be very free at the periphery. One whose life is thus secure will find the Spirit leading him into new areas of service. We have declared again our denial of war and the war system; but we want also to say "Yes" to that life and spirit which takes away the occasion of war. Christ continues to lead us to loving concern for those who consider themselves our enemies, for all races, and for persons of all nationalities and cultures. As Christ loves all men, we are moved for those convicted of crimes, for those enslaved by alcohol and other narcotics, and for the mentally ill. Because He first loved us, we love and therefore cannot injure, enslave or kill them. We are impelled by Christ's spirit to positive action on their behalf. God's love must be expressed through personal attitudes and actions and by changing social institutions and practices injurious to persons and therefore not in harmony with God's will.

Impelled by the redeeming love of Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit we consecrate our lives anew that we may demonstrate the Way of Christ and that we may penetrate the world with the good news of God's revelation.

74. Glenn Switzer asked that the meeting approve of the Quaker Men's organization accepting responsibility of presenting Social Security provisions for ministers in monthly meetings. He read the names of Yearly Meeting representatives and new officers:

QUAKER MEN OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Bernard White, Iowa, *President*
Ezra Pate, North Carolina, *Vice-President*
Wallace Jackson, Iowa, *Vice-President*
Jesse Parshall, Indiana, *Treasurer*
Merritt Murphy, Western, *Secretary*

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Joseph J. Wetherald, Baltimore Yearly Meeting
L. Glenn Switzer, California Yearly Meeting
John Petrie, Canada Yearly Meeting
Jesse Parshall, Indiana Yearly Meeting
Wallace Jackson, Iowa Yearly Meeting
Roscoe Townsend, Nebraska Yearly Meeting
Lewis C. Moody, New England Yearly Meeting
August Garone, New York Yearly Meeting
Leslie Winslow, North Carolina Yearly Meeting
Merritt Murphy, Western Yearly Meeting
Walter Schutt, Wilmington Yearly Meeting

Bernard White, new president, and Merritt Murphy, Executive Secretary, spoke briefly on the work of the organization. Merritt Murphy also told what Quaker Men were doing in connection with the project on non-resident members.

The Minutes were read and accepted.

75. The following reports were presented to the Five Years Meeting of Friends in printed form, but were not spoken to during the session.

REPORT ON BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

The staff of the Five Years Meeting has moved to their new quarters with double the office and storage space. This arrangement makes possible improved organization and much greater efficiency.

While the Central Building Budget is higher than it had been in the old building, we believe the increased effectiveness of the organization will more than justify the extra cost. Of course care of this much more satisfactory and attractive building will be increased and more supervision of the plant will be required. There is the problem of consolidating the duplicating, addressing and mailing functions; the need of improvement in our printing and purchasing; the lending library and receptionist switch-board operator have necessitated coordination; and the effort to coordinate the work of the different boards in the use of secretarial help all make the employment of a business manager necessary for the following work:

1. Operate the Bookstore
2. Act as purchasing agent and make business contracts
3. Have responsibility for buildings and grounds and upkeep
4. Supervise bookkeeping
5. Have charge of printing and distributing of literature
6. Employ the librarian, receptionist, office assistants for bookstore, assistant for mailing room and work room
7. Be in general charge of the Lending Library

The duties listed above have already been assigned to the Business Manager by the General Secretary. There may be some change in assignments as time passes and experience accumulates. The duties of the General Secretary, the Administrative Secretary and the Business Manager should be carefully defined. Not only the duties of these three, but the duties of all workers should be carefully defined as to areas of work and responsibilities, and jobs should not be shifted to suit applicants; rather applicants should be chosen for specific jobs. This type of program can be carried out only under the leadership of an active and concerned personnel committee with professional help from a reputable management consultant firm. This is becoming an accepted practice in an increasing number of organizations including denominational groups.

With a clear cut job analysis and specification, the overlapping and duplication of function that exists in some cases could be eliminated, thus alleviating many of the problems and high costs involved in the administration of this organization.

I definitely feel that there is a need for better coordination and communication within our organization and that it can be faciliated through effective business management.

Richard Kendall, Business Manager

REPORT ON QUAKER HILL

During the five year period since the last Five Years Meeting Quaker Hill has continued to function as a hostel and conference center. A study, based largely on the names appearing in the register, shows that there have been about 4500 visitors in that period of time. This means about seventy-five per month. They came from thirty-eight states and nineteen foreign countries. We can not be so definite in regard to activity as a conference center. There have been few periods of any length when some kind of conference has not been in session at Quaker Hill. These have ranged from small committees and planning groups to those large enough to tax our facilities to capacity and which were more than a single day in length.

Outstanding in their significance have been the annual conferences of Yearly Meeting superintendents and secretaries from all the yearly meetings in the United States, the meetings of the United Society of Friends Women, meetings of the World Committee for Consultation, and informal meetings with traveling Friends from all parts of the world. There has been a growing demand for the use of our facilities for retreats of groups from local meetings for picnic suppers by denominational groups, for family reunions, and for evening dinners and social and service clubs. A service of real significance in the local community has been that of providing a place for a day-camp sponsored by the Y.W.C.A. and the Girl Scouts to which about seventy girls come every day for a week for four weekly periods.

Parvin and Cornelia Bond are giving excellent service in caring for the property, arranging for conferences, hospitality, etc.

Our chief indoor interest of serving meals and providing lodging has not been a matter of continued record throughout the five year period. Recently we began keeping such a record. During the year 1954 we served about 3300 meals and provided about 900 persons with lodging. The first quarter of the present year shows the probability of considerable increase over those numbers by the end of the year.

In April of 1954 the Central Committee, in view of the expected moving of the central Offices to Quaker Hill, appointed a special committee "to review the problems of maintenance and of program of the Quaker Hill property". That committee was asked to take over the direction of the program while the study was being made. Other members were later added to the group making nine in all. The work was divided into three parts: one on program; one on inner problems of the house: and one on general maintenance. At the meeting of the Executive Council last April this group was asked to become the permanent committee with three year terms of service in three divisions. The members of the committee are Ann Cope, Homer J. Coppock, Leonard Hall, Lila Henley, Richard Kendall, Mildred Parshall, Ernest Lamb, Edith Smith and Edith Wildman, with Errol T. Elliott ex officio.

We are deeply grateful to Elsie Marshall for her service as Chairman of the Quaker Hill Committee until 1954.

It has been necessary to spend quite a little money in keeping the property in good physical condition. During the five year period the main items of expense have been for a reconditioned heating system, a new hot-water heater, painting the residence building and refitting the living rooms in the Lodge. Most of this expense has been met by income from invested funds and some will be met later by larger receipts from rents.

The budget for the present year is $8,400.00. This includes the large expense for painting and other repairs. The income for the budget is partially met by a subsidy from the Five Year Meeting. The committee hopes to reduce this subsidy as ways are found for increasing the program of activities.

Homer J. Coppock, Chairman
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REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

"To give expression to the love of God in service"—that is the basic purpose of the American Friends Service Committee, as stated by its Representative Council earlier this year. The group of committee and staff members from the thirteen regional offices as well as the national office, meeting in January for a week's consultation, saw this religious motive which undergirds all AFSC work.

Though in a sense what we do is less important than how we do it, this opportunity to report at five-year intervals encourages us to take an overview of what has become a complex program.

FOREIGN SERVICE

In our overseas work we see a gradual shift in emphasis away from meeting emergency needs for the general population in war-torn areas. While "pockets of need" still require material assistance and while the more difficult refugee cases demand persistent effort to solve them, most of our work abroad turns toward community development. This may take the form of neighborhood centers in cities or social and technical assistance programs in rural areas. Even in Korea, where we began a medical and welfare program in 1953, the perspective is that of developing long-term solutions to problems of jobs for war widows, hospital services, and refugee housing.

The story of neighborhood centers in Germany illustrates well the course of many AFSC undertakings. Seven centers were established after World War II to aid in the enormous task of rehabilitation. Warming rooms for older people who had been bombed out, shoe repair and sewing facilities were typical of early services to meet physical needs. But from the first, local persons were encouraged to take part in planning and carrying out the activities. German staff members were employed, and German funds were invited. Day nurseries for children of working mothers, creative work with delinquent youth, libraries, craft groups, counseling for refugees—these became important activities. The seeds of self help, planted in the democratic process of committee discussion and decision, are bearing fruit. The centers (except Berlin) are now under local direction and are approaching financial self-sufficiency. Now they want a non-German worker in each center—no longer as the director but as a representative of international fellowship. With variations, a similar story could be told of centers in France and Japan.

Work with impoverished villagers in India, Israel, and Jordan was a major new development of the past five years. These people are not the victims of modern war but of ancient methods, many of which hinder the development of human and economic resources. The steel plow to replace the wooden one, fishing and weaving cooperatives, sanitary wells and latrines, improved seed and livestock—these are the material aids which AFSC village workers can bring More fundamental and more difficult is sharing a conviction that change is possible. We have appreciated the special interest of the United Society of Friends Women in the India and Jordan programs.

Similar work in 48 villages of Southern Italy has been supported through an Italian organization under independent direction, but cooperating with all local groups.

Just as Asia has been an area of recent development, perhaps we shall be able five years hence to report more concrete action in

Africa. Our first effort in this direction is to recruit two American volunteers to join European and African young men in a two-year work camp at the Kenya hospital operated by the American Friends Board of Missions.

AMERICAN PROGRAM

In the United States, we continue to express one of the basic Quaker testimonies through community peace education efforts and through peace work with organized church and labor groups. Four working party studies in international problems have been published during these five years — *Steps to Peace, Toward Security Through Disarmament, Speak Truth to Power,* and *The Future Development of the United Nations.* Besides adult conferences and institutes, other study programs touch high school and college age young people. School affiliations link 227 U.S. and overseas schools in an exchange of correspondence, class projects and even students and faculty. Quaker families and organizations have joined enthusiastically in the educational materials for children which put world friendship into attractive action terms.

And while we have endeavored to serve young conscientious objectors to military service ever since the peace-time draft was instituted, we are able now to report the beginning of a two-year program to defend the legal right of pacifists and others who take a conscientious stand against limitations on freedom. We can also give some financial aid to persons who are in need because of their convictions. This is reminiscent of early Quakers who suffered in protests against test oaths, informing, and self-incrimination.

During the past five years we have built a wide-spread program in another field of Quaker interest, equal opportunity for minorities.

The AFSC has experimented in merit employment, encouraging business men to hire Negroes and members of other minorities on the basis of individual ability; at present this program operates in four northern and three southern cities. Housing opportunities are being developed in four localities, and an educator is counseling in the Southeast after two years of AFSC work with Washington school integration.

American Indians are finding their traditional status is changing; they must learn to manage their own affairs with decreasing federal supervision. AFSC programs meet various Indian needs on reservations and in crowded cities in Arizona, California and South Dakota; other plans are pending.

Youth service projects continue to enlist as many as a thousand volunteers for a summer or longer. These include work camps, institutional service units to help juvenile delinquents and mental patients, internes in industry and community service; increasing numbers of week-end projects involve still more.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Growing efforts in the international field, which may be considered somewhat separately from activities already mentioned but are nonetheless closely related, lead to a ministry to those in responsibility. The visit of Friends to the Soviet Union for a month is only a recent dramatic expression of a long-term effort. International centers in major capitals help keep world windows open. Social scientists share fresh knowledge in AFSC seminars for U.S. and U.N. officials. Younger diplomats of 47 countries have come to informal European conferences during the past three years; this same plan will be applied in December 1955 in Asia. International students, future leaders, build understanding at seminars and centers in the U.S. and abroad.

COMMITTEES, STAFF, BUDGET

Structurally, the AFSC Executive Board has this year been reorganized with special emphasis on having a wider geographical participation in its regular membership. The Representative Council, already mentioned at the beginning, proved to be such a valuable method of sharing problems that it will meet annually.

Our staff now numbers about 445, about 25 persons more than five years ago. The growth has come in domestic field programs, including the regional offices, since foreign service now enlists 60, as compared with 79 in 1950. The distribution abroad is different, too— only half as many in Germany, none in China, five in Jordan now, and seven in the very active Korean program. Elsewhere the numbers have changed less, but the jobs often are quite different. In the U.S., regional office staffs have grown from 122 to 160 in five years; the Philadelphia staff has decreased slightly, but national office field staff has increased, notably in the development of several programs in Washington, D.C., and in work in El Salvador. The proportion of Quaker staff members has increased slightly, from 33% to 38% (overseas staff is now 58% from the Society of Friends, as compared with 30% in 1950).

As with our staff, our expenditures reflect program changes.

Our total cash expenditure for 1954-55 is just over 3 million dollars, or a half million dollars more than 1949-50. Most of this increase has gone into domestic work. Material aids have also increased (from $1,275,000 to $3,350,000) because of large U.S. surplus commodity shipments which we channel to dependable social agencies and institutions in several countries with minimum staff requirements on our part. Clothing needs, too, remain at substantial levels because of special distributions. Since shoes are no longer solicited and since quality is emphasized in keeping with the friendship nature of the gifts, clothing efforts must continue undiminished to meet the goals for the coming year.

This, then, is an accounting of the personnel and programs of a far-flung service. We pray that it may be infused with what Rufus Jones called " a serene spirit of truth and wisdom calling us to release the creative forces of light and life and love."

Lewis M. Hoskins, Executive Secretary

76. The meeting expressed its most sincere appreciation of all the work done by the First Friends Meeting of Richmond in the careful preparation for the sessions and for the efficient and friendly entertainment of the many Friends attending these sessions.

77. Norval Webb called the incoming clerks, Sumner Mills, Jeanette Hadley, David O. Stanfield and T. Eugene Coffin, and the treasurer, William Q. Hale, to the platform and transferred into their capable hands the task of guiding the Five Years Meeting.

Sumner Mills responded, expressing the hope that during the next five years we may find some exciting new "Yeses" and come back with much good news. In the reorganization plan we hope that it will serve *us*, rather than that we shall serve it. In closing, he voiced a prayer for guidance and for a new realization of the presence of Christ in our midst.

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7:30 P.M.

78. The Clerk opened the evening meeting and turned the session to Helen Walker. She reminded us of our look to the past and to the future, stressing that out of the resources of our lives we go forward. In our advance, only the living seed will produce life. May we be channels for God's healing power to flow through our lives and out into the world; may we love one another even as he hath loved us and given his life for us.

The hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" was sung.

Ranjit Chetsingh of India, Secretary of the Friends World Committee, brought a message on World Quakerism. He shared with us some of his wonderings, impressions and reflections.

First he spoke on "my view of ourselves", the view of one to whom Quakerism means as much as it does or can mean to anyone, one who shares its struggles, its weaknesses and its strengths. Quakerism is an interpretation of truth, an affirmation of a faith and practice rooted in Christianity. "From the background of India, I feel it laid on me to point out the inadequacy of a superficial tendency to say that today Quakerism has made a great discovery, that a Hindu can be a Hindu and yet be a Quaker, and likewise with other great religions! I feel it laid on me to say that some things are impossible."

Quakerism has found its root in many countries; it is something for all men.

A second reflection growing out of this universality is that an Indian travelling among Friends in the United States is struck by the fact that the American Negro has failed to find a place for himself. You and I are descended from men and women who witnessed to their faith in the equality of all men. We are their spiritual descendents and custodians of that faith.

Still a third reflection on the problems of world Quakerism is to raise the question: why are we so small and so divided? The tendency not to make proselytes has been carried so far as to inhibit our sharing of the living faith that is in us. Surely we put our light where men can see it, and so speak about it. In the present world the Society of Friends has good news which has made tremendous difference to the world; we need to carry that evangel with us in all our works. If we do not, we must perish.

As a fourth reflection, when we try to speak to the condition of the world today, what is the message we speak? We should remind ourselves that unless we know we have something distinctive, unless we bear witness to freedom of the spirit of which we are inheritors, there is no reason for us to exist. We should regard our heritage as a great common trust, selecting the essentials for our spiritual pilgrimage.

If we go forward in that spirit of faith, courage and trust, exercising grace and courtesy and charity with each other, God will show us the great task he has before us. His call today is what it was to the disciples, "Follow thou me."

Mrs. James D. Wyker, ordained minister in the Disciples of Christ communion, active in her denominational work, and at the present time President of United Church Women, brought a message on World Christianity, and a challenge to the Society of Friends on whom God has laid responsibility because of our heritage and a uniqueness in our message.

Goethe said, "That which you have inherited from your fathers, earn it if truly you would possess it." She mentioned some ways in which Quakers had demonstrated their uniqueness: in taking into their home the Hiroshima maidens who had come to this country for plastic surgery for their disfigurements from the bombing of their city; in offering quiet and silence as an atmosphere for worship; in their witness for peace-making in a world where war comes so readily. But in all this and in other ways, Friends will have to *earn* their inheritance.

"We need you in the nation as a leaven. In a world torn by revolution it is thrilling to know we have a part, as followers of Jesus. This is one world, God's world. As the team of three women, of whom I was one, went around the world with a message of good will, they were encouraged to see that the church should always take its message through East and West travelling together. Two questions put to the Christians leaders of every country were these: What are the evidences of the working of the power of Christ in your country? What are the dividing walls of hostility in your country and what is the church doing about it?

"In America we have so much. Will we have the sensitivity to know what is happening around the world? So many problems come before us—in India, in Africa, in the Fiji Islands, and in all the troubled places of the earth. As we face these difficulties together, we realize that with Christians words are not really necessary. The depth to which we must go today is the basic fact. The world church needs the Quaker witness today and I think God will hold you responsible."

79. After these stirring messages, a letter was read from the Meeting for Sufferings of London Yearly Meeting, expressing warm greetings to the Five Years Meeting to be expressed in person through these Friends: Alfred Braithwaite, Ranjit M. Chetsingh, Howard A. Diamond,

Mary Protheroe, Paul D. Sturge, M. Millior Braithwaite, Robert Davis, Elfrida Vipont Foulds, Richard S. Rowntree, Lewis E. Waddilove. It expressed the unity in concern for areas of tension, for those whose living standards are low, and for the wasted energies spent on destruction. "New needs, new opportunities and new dangers require of us the fuller consecration of purpose and personality possible only to those completely committed to the way of Jesus Christ."

In brief response, Alfred Braithwaite expressed the gratitude of these visiting Friends for the experience of sharing the fellowship and inspiration of the days of the Five Years Meeting, inviting Friends to visit in England and the other countries which had been represented here.

80. The Clerk expressed the appreciation of the Meeting for the service of the retiring Clerks—Norval E. Webb, Dorothy Gilbert Thorne, Geraldine H. Moorman, and Richard P. Newby. Following a moment of silence, the concluding minute was read.

81. As we have met together in worship, business and fellowship during these beautiful autumn days, we have been deeply conscious of God's bounty and of the covering presence of Christ in our midst. Our sessions have been enriched beyond measure by the presence and fellowship of Friends from many parts of America and other lands.

In these fruitful days together, we have examined our lives in the light of the great commission and have sought new ways to strengthen our Quaker witness to the world, in this eternal cause.

We now dedicate our lives, as well, to the creation of a divine fellowship within our Society, "that we may come to know a place to stand in and what to wait in."

We adjourn to meet, if God wills, five years hence.

Sumner A. Mills, Clerk
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THURSDAY

10.00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Registration and Room Assignments.

Afternoon

3:00- 4:30 Opening Business Session.
Norval E. Webb, Clerk.
Roll Call and Instructions to Delegates.
Welcome to Visiting Friends.
Instructions to Committee on Organization.
Instructions to Business Committee.
Introduction of Executive Council Report—Recomendations on Reorganization.

Evening

7:30 Presiding, Homer J. Coppock, Chairman of Program Committee.
Keynote Address: Elton Trueblood.

FRIDAY

Morning

8:30- 8:55 Bible Study. Harold Kuhn speaking; Ernest Lamb Presiding.
9:00- 9:30 Open Meeting for Worship before business session.
9:30-11:45 Business Session on Reorganization.
12:00-12:30 Devotional Message. Freda Hadley.

Afternoon

2:00- 4:30 Business Session.
Memorial Period.
Communications from Yearly Meetings.
Completion of Executive Council Report.
Preliminary Report, Committee on Organization.
Treasurer's Report.
Report of the Trustees.

Friends Fiduciary Corporation.
The Advance.
Stewardship and Promotion.

EVENING
7:30 Glenn Reece Presiding.
Address, "Ministry in the Local Meeting." Harold Walker.

SATURDAY

MORNING
8:30- 8:55 Bible Study. Harold Kuhn.
9:00-10:15 Discussion groups considering "Ministry in the Local Meeting."
10:30-11:50 General session for discussion, with panel; John Harvey, Chairman, Herbert Huffman, Charles Ball, Eugene Coffin, Marie Ferguson.
12:00-12:30 Devotional Message. Milo C. Ross.

AFTERNOON
2:00- 4:30 Young Friends Forum.
Consideration and discussion of Young Friends Work in the Five Years Meeting.
Business Session.
Committee on Ministerial Training.
Board on Evangelism.

EVENING
6:30 Banquets.
Quaker Men—Earlham College Fieldhouse; Charles Ball speaking.
United Society of Friends Women—Earlham College Fieldhouse; Rosa Page Welch speaking.
Young Friends—First Friends Meetinghouse; Canby Jones speaking.

SUNDAY

MORNING
10:00 Bible Lecutre, "Quaker Freedom—A Study in Galatians."
Thomas S. Brown speaking, Jesse A. Stanfield presiding.
11:00 Meeting for Worship. Russell E. Rees speaking. Norval E. Webb presiding.

AFTERNOON	
3:00	Dedication of the new Friends Central Office building at Quaker Hill.
EVENING	
7:30	Isaac T. and Lida K. Johnson Lecture. "The Quaker Witness—Yesterday and Today", Elfrida Vipont Foulds. Eric Curtis, introducing speaker. Errol T. Elliott presiding.

MONDAY

MORNING	
8:30- 8:55	Bible Study. Harold Kuhn.
9:00-10:15	Discussion groups considering "Our Mission in the World Today."
10:30-11:50	General session for discussion with panel; Levinus Painter, chairman, Charles Lampman, Ralph Rose, Lorton Heusel, Ruth Replogle.
12:00-12:30	Devotional Message. James F. Walker.
AFTERNOON	
2:00- 4:30	Business Session. American Friends Board of Missions. The Building Committee. Quaker Men. United Society of Friends Women.
EVENING	
7:30	Sumner Mills presiding. Addresses by Charles A. Lampman and Douglas V. Steere. "Outreach and Service As Friends."

TUESDAY

MORNING	
8:30- 8:55	Bible Study. Harold Kuhn.
9:00-10:15	Discussion groups considering social concerns and peace.
10:30-11:50	General session for discussion with panel; William Fuson, chairman, Wm. Merton Scott, Raymond Wilson, Lewis Hoskins, Raymond Mesner.
12:00-12:30	Devotional Message. William Clark.
AFTERNOON	
2:00- 4:30	Business Session. Board on Peace and Social Concerns. Committee on Messages.

Committee on Aged Ministers and Missionaries.
Committee on Pensions.

EVENING
7:30 Charles Thomas presiding.
"Preparation for Tomorrow", Alexander C. Purdy.

WEDNESDAY

MORNING
8:30- 8:55 Bible Study. Harold Kuhn.
9:00-10:15 Discussion groups considering Christian education.
10:30-11:50 General session for discussion with panel; Margaret Garone, chairman, Leonard Hall, David Castle, Verlin Hinshaw, Ruth Day.
12:00-12:30 Devotional Message. Richard P. Newby.

AFTERNOON
2:00- 4:30 Business Session.
Board on Christian Education.
Publication Board.
Board on Education.

EVENING
7:30 Helen Walker presiding.
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Errol T. Elliott led our thoughts in a sweep of history since the beginning of the Five Years Meeting, seeing the predominance of our unity above our diversity. As we convene in these troubled times, we still know how mighty is God. New life comes up even in the midst of destruction. He read in closing from Philippians 3, concluding: "I press on toward the goal of the upward call in Christ Jesus."

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Leslie Winslow, 717 Mayflower Drive, Greensboro, N. C.
Sylvia Winslow, Belvidere, N. C.

Alternate

Margaret Harris, Box 211, Jamestown, N. C.
Ollie McBane, Alamance General Hospital, Burlington, North Carolina.
Eva Newlin, Box 8345, Guilford College Br., Greensboro, North Carolina.
Charles Snow, 3125 S. Aycock St., Greensboro, N. C.
Howard Ward, R.R. 1, Sophia, N. C.
Howard Yow, 110 W. Wilson St., Mt. Airy, N. C.

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

Representatives

A. Ward Applegate, R. R. 1, Box 66-H, Noblesville, Indiana.
Ruth Castle, Ridgefarm, Illinois.
James Ellis, 505 N. Union St., Kokomo, Indiana—Convener.
Errol T. Elliott, 5814 N. Dearborn, Indianapolis, 20, Ind.
Frank F. Johnson, R. R., Russiaville, Indiana.
Dwight Kendall, Thorntown, Indiana.
Eunice Kendall, R. R. 2, Sheridan, Indiana.
Marcus E. Kendall, Carmel, Indiana.
Mina McHenry, 419 W. Fourth, Seymour, Indiana.
Richard Parsons, West Newton, Indiana.
Alice E. Rees, Vermilion Grove, Illinois.
Robert Maxwell Rees, 312 N. Jefferson St., Danville, Ind.
Allen Reynolds, 1814 Lambert St., Indianapolis, Indiana.
Clara Richardson, R. R. 1, St. Rd. 42, Mooresville, Ind.
Marion Shields, R. R. 1, Hutsonville, Illinois.
Norval E. Webb, 207 So. East St., Plainfield, Indiana.
Alfred Wilson, Paoli, Indiana.
Claude O. Wood, R. R. 1, Jonesboro, Indiana.

Alternates

Helen Hollingsworth, Box 275, Russiaville, Indiana.
E. Howard Marshall, 5613 S. Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago 37, Illinois.
Mabel Quigg, R. R. 5, Crawfordsville, Indiana.
Justin A. Roberts, 1135 N. 12th St., Noblesville, Indiana.
Mark Shugart, 109 N. Monroe St., Mooresville, Ind.
Norman E. Young, 1317 So. B St., Richmond, Indiana.

WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING

Representatives

C. Vincent Fairley, Leesburg, Ohio.
Katherine P. Hare, 384 N. Lincoln St., Wilmington, Ohio.
Mary K. Farquhar, 673 Fife Ave., Wilmington, Ohio.
Lorton Heusel, 138 N. Mulberry St., Wilmington, Ohio.
Wilbur W. Kamp, Harmony Road, R. R. 3, Washington Court House, Ohio.
Eva McCoy, R. R. 2, New Vienna, Ohio.
Ellen Robinson, 326 N. Walnut St., Wilmington, Ohio.

Robert J. Rumsey, 257 N. Lincoln St., Wilmington, Ohio.
Faith A. Terrell, R. R. 1, New Vienna, Ohio.
Howard Yates, Tellico Plains, Tennessee.

Alternate

Robert McCoy, R. R. 1, New Vienna, Ohio.

3. Names of fraternal representatives were read as follows:

Illinois Yearly Meeting: John and Grace Fogg.

Ireland Yearly Meeting: Helen D. Jones, John and Dorothy Sinton. Visitor: Derha S. Stewart.

London Yearly Meeting: William E. Barton, Eileen Barratt Brown, Monica G. Gillett, Wilfrid E. and Winifred S. Littleboy, Harold and Hilda Reed. Visitors: Horace G. and Rebecca Alexander, Mary Sime.

Pacific Yearly Meeting: Harold and Faith Carson.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: Colin W. Bell, Anna Brinton, Freda B. Cooper, Robert E. Coppock, Elwood Cronk, Charles J. Darlington, Eleanor K. Derr, Bryn Hammarstrom, Caroline N. Jacob, Richmond P. Miller, Anna S. Morris, Clarence E. Pickett, Hannah Stapler, Douglas V. and Dorothy M. Steere, James F. Walker, D. Herbert Way, Howard W. Wickersham, Wilmer J. and Mildred B. Young.

Tucson, Arizona, Meeting: Margaret Talbert Thorpe. Visitor: Gertrude Jennings.

University Meeting, Wichita, Kansas: Ellis and Nelle Beals, Robert and Ardelle Cope, Ernest and Lena Crow, Everett and Theola Davis, Doris Davis, Penny Fankhouser, Fred and Alta Hoyt, Lydia Mardock, James Perkins, Sharon Pope, William F. Pribbenow, Lowell Roberts, Delbert Vaughn, Mabel Woodard.

4. Others introduced during the sessions were: Wayne Allman, Superintendent-elect of Iowa Yearly Meeting; Robert Berquist; Lida Blackburn; Gracia Booth; Elise Boulding; James Bristol; Emma Cadbury, Everett Cattell; John and Rachel Chappell; Bernard Clausen; Hurford and Winifred Wildman Crosman; Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, Ruth

Dickinson; William Bacon Evans; Harold and Alice Flitcraft; Edwin and Cora Hanson; Clifford Haworth; Charles Harker; William F. Hayden; Irving and Jean Hollingshead; Barrett Hollister; Elmore and Beth Jackson; Daniel and Elizabeth Marsh Jensen; Elizabeth Kirk; Dwight and Ardis Michener, who are going soon to Jamaica; W. Brooke Morgan; David and Christine Peterson, recently returned from Guatemala; Robert Perisho; Laurence and Lucille Pickard; Kenneth Pickering, Superintendent-elect of Indiana Yearly Meeting; Charles and Charlotte Scott, recently returned from Bolivia; Richard F. Smith; Orlo and Ruth Stewart; Howard and May Taylor; Rosa Page Welch; E. Raymond Wilson.

5. Glenn A. Reece, General Secretary, spoke briefly of the hopes and challenges that lie before us in the sessions, and welcomed all to this fellowship.

6. The proposed business procedure for the Five Years Meeting, recommended by the Executive Council, was read as follows, and approved to be referred to the representatives:

PROPOSED BUSINESS PROCEDURE OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING

When the change was made from the "delegate" to the "representative" system, it was recognized that this called for other changes in procedure:

I. There are two basic reasons for having the Meeting of Representatives consider proposals before they are presented for action to the general meeting:

   A. To assure distant Yearly Meetings of fair and proportionate influence in decisions on major policy-making.

   B. To expedite handling routine business so that the general sessions may have time for conference and unhurried action on major matters.

II. It is expected that the former "Business Committee" will now become a "Committee on New Business," to screen and channel new items to either the Representatives or to the Clerk, as may be appropriate.

III. The Representatives will be expected to set up a Nominating Committee and to receive its nominations for Clerks. This committee will make other nominations as directed by the Clerk or the Representatives. This Nominating Committee replaces the former "Committee on Organization".

IV. Major proposals will be referred to the meeting of Representatives for consideration and for recommendation to the general meeting.

V. Routine procedural matters can be handled by the Representatives—this body simply reporting to the general meeting which may reserve the right to disapprove or to reconsider.

VI. The Clerks of the Five Years Meeting are expected to be the Clerks of the Meeting of Representatives.

VII. The Clerks shall receive proposed new business and route it either to the Committee on New Business, for screening and channeling, to the Meeting of Representatives, or to the General Meeting, as may be proper.

VIII. The Clerk, the Committee on New Business, or the Meeting of Representatives may refer appropriate matters to the Executive Council or to the proper Board or Committee of the Five Years Meeting.

IX. Those presenting new proposals may appeal to the Representative Body if not satisfied with the channels used by the Clerks or the Committee on New Business.

X. Internal structure of Five Years Meeting agencies, emphasis in program planning, field work, budget making—all are examples of major matters to be considered by the Representatives before final action is taken by the general meeting.

7. Marcus E. Kendall, reporting as chairman of the Executive Council, called attention to the printed report. It was approved.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE FIVE YEARS MEETING 1960

The last half-decade marks the emergence of a new era in the Five Years Meeting of Friends. A new tide of life, flowing deep and strong, has come more and more into evidence. This life in the unity of the Spirit is finding an ever widening response among Friends throughout our limits.

Friends have responded to needs in program by a substantial increase in giving. This has been accompanied by active concern, wise counsel, ready encouragement and earnest prayer by an increasing number.

The reorganization plans approved by the 1955 sessions have been actively implemented in several important steps by the Executive Council. The initial years in the new building and location have demonstrated the wisdom in planning, and have rewarded the generosity of Meetings and individual members whose gifts made it possible.

Two of our member Yearly Meetings abroad have made very notable development: Cuba, by producing and preparing its total and able leadership; East Africa, by becoming the foremost "growing edge" of our entire Society until it now enfolds more members than any other Yearly Meeting, although exercising great care in their reception into membership.

Young Friends have come into new concern and depth. This gives strong hope for forthcoming leadership and the course we pursue in the future.

IMPLEMENTING REORGANIZATION

(1) *More frequent meetings of the Executive Council*: The Executive Council is increasing its effectiveness by *meeting twice each year*, allowing time for greater consideration of its tasks and more thoughtful planning. The formation of a small Executive Committee to replace the Central Committee and to hold frequent meetings will bring added improvement in the area of Executive Council responsibilities.

(2) *Change of the fiscal year*: Use of the calendar year has allowed more statesmanlike procedure in budget planning. Yearly Meetings now participate in determining the budget percentage of receipts, as well as their total which has steadily climbed since the adoption of this plan.

(3) *Appointment of policy staff persons*: All policy staff persons are now appointed by the Executive Council. This contributes to unity and coordination of the total program. It also places each staff member in a position of representing the Five Years Meeting rather than only one of its boards or departments.

(4) *Committee on Stewardship and Finance*: This committee has come to fill a vital place in our structure. With its Secretary it has brought far-reaching effects in our concern for a total stewardship of life and in our giving for both local and outreach needs.

(5) *Separation of The American Friend editorship from General Secretary duties*: This frees the General Secretary from much time at the desk and office duties to make wider personal contacts. It provides for a choice of staff personnel more qualified for specific areas of service. The American Friend Council gives promise of creative planning in the future of our official publication.

(6) *Program Council*: Just beginning to envision its function, this group, consisting of the Executive Committee and Administrative Council between Executive Council sessions, holds the key to both our year-by-year and long-range program planning.

(7) *Board on Training for Christian Vocations*: This new board, with a program and staff ready to launch a full-time program July 1, 1960, will contribute to an increased number of well-trained leaders—a major need throughout the Society of Friends.

(8) *Change to representative system*: Our 1960 sessions will be the first ones since action to use the representative rather than the delegate system. It is indeed a new day and a new era for us. This large body of Friends will give wider representation in consideration of business matters and will be the key group in all Five Years Meeting deliberations during our sessions.

Personnel Changes

The resignation of Merton Scott, as Secretary of the Board on Peace and Social Concerns, brought to a close a valued and statesmanlike period of service. Milton H. Hadley, appointed in 1957 as successor, is giving vigorous and able leadership.

Following the resignation of Charles Lampman, and a brief interim term by R. Ernest Lamb, as Administrative Secretary of the Board of Missions, George A. Scherer was appointed in 1957, and returned from service with the Board in Ramallah, Jordan to ably fill this important position on our staff. He has resigned, effective September 1, 1960, to return to college teaching. Norman E. Young, who for several years has given efficient leadership as chairman of the Mission Board, has been appointed and will begin office duties in September.

Upon the resignation of Errol T. Elliott as General Secretary to become the pastor of First Friends Meeting in Indianapolis, the Executive Council took steps to carry out the approved reorganization procedure of separating this office from that of The American Friend Editor. Merritt Murphy was appointed Editor, with Mildred Hale as Associate Editor, and Glenn A. Reece was appointed General Secretary of the Five Years Meeting.

In January, 1959, Richard Kendall resigned as Business Manager to accept a position in a business firm offering substantial promotion. Under his capable guidance much progress was made in our operations. The Bookstore was placed upon a firm, self-supporting basis, a new bookkeeping system was introduced, and there was a general advance of program. After more than a year of vacancy, we are very fortunate in the appointment of Merle Brauer, a dedicated and able Quaker business man, to this position. He began active duty in May, 1960.

The resignation of Leonard Hall as Secretary of Stewardship and Promotion in July, 1959, leaves a serious gap in our staff. Leonard served the Five Years Meeting as Secretary of the Board on Christian Education previous to this appointment and has given effective and fruitful leadership to the Five Years Meeting. He resigned to serve in wider relationships as Executive Secretary to the Peoria Area Council of Churches. The position he held remains to be filled. The progress made under his leadership and the assistance given to Local Meetings should be continued.

The new Board on Training for Christian Vocations will continue a greatly enlarged program in the area served previously by the Committee on Ministerial Training. David E. Henley, a Quaker educator with a long record of service among Friends of the Five Years Meeting, has been appointed as Secretary to this new board. He will enter upon a full-time program, July 1, 1960.

Study Commission

In the 1959 fall session, the Executive Council appointed a Study Commission of five members to make an extensive survey and recommendations based thereupon. David E. Henley was appointed as full-time Director for a six-month period to implement the study. Recommendations emerging from this study will be presented by the Executive Council during the Five Years Meeting sessions for consideration.

Ecumenical Relations

Sumner A. Mills as Clerk and Errol T. Elliott as General Secretary (and Glenn A. Reece, following his appointment), were appointed to represent the Five Years Meeting on the General Board of the National Council of Churches. Other staff members have represented our organization in appropriate departments of the Council. Russell Rees, Milton Hadley, Glenn Reece and George Scherer served as delegates to the General Assembly of the Council at St. Louis in December, 1957.

Alexander C. Purdy has ably served in representing the Five Years Meeting in the World Council of Churches activities in this country.

Ruth Replogle has faithfully represented the Five Years Meeting in Church World Service gatherings.

It is not possible to cover all activities of the Executive Council over a five-year period in this report. It includes the faithful, dedicated efforts of many Friends. Carefully preserved records of complete procedures are kept in the permanent file and are available as needed.

The above report grows from a depth of spiritual concern and a response to the promptings of the Spirit of Christ. It is the hope of the Executive Council that it may be instrumental in projecting a spiritual thrust that will make a deep imprint upon our membership and through it will have a far-reaching and transforming effect. In the hope of drawing upon both the wisdom and experience of the past, yet with hearts and minds open to the needs and resources of the future, the Executive Council earnestly invites the prayers and counsel of Friends of the Five Years Meeting.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Council,

Marcus E. Kendall, Chairman
Glenn A. Reece, General Secretary

He then presented the following recommendations from the Executive Council, with action as indicated:

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

1. We recommend that Glenn A. Reece be appointed to serve as General Secretary of the Five Years Meeting until the next session of the Five Years Meeting.

We recommend that the General Secretary shall carry out the vital function of assisting Yearly Meetings and Local Meetings, particularly in the field of evangelism and growth, and shall be freed of responsibility for administration.

This was approved.

2. Announce: Norman E. Young has been appointed Administrative Secretary of the Board of Missions, effective September 1.

3. A Central or Executive Committee must assume active responsibility for guidance of, and counsel with, the General Secretary. We believe these functions could be more adequately performed by an Executive Committee of the Executive Council, rather than by the Central Committee composed solely of Friends living near Richmond, and recommend that an Executive Committee be established to see that policies determined by the widely representative Executive Council are carried out vigorously, and that necessary operation decisions be made. This Committee should be composed of three Friends, able and willing to meet at least five times a year, plus the Chairman of the Executive Council and the Clerk of the Five Years Meeting, with the General Secretary *ex-officio.* This was endorsed by the Executive Council, and we ask that the Five Years Meeting approve this action.

The action was approved.

4. In accordance with a recommendation from the Board on Training for Church Vocations, we recommend that the name of the Board be changed to the Board on Training for Christian Vocations.

This was approved.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee of the Executive Council of the Five Years Meeting, after considered study and discussion, are unanimous in their belief that, for the best interests of a forward program for the Five Years Meeting, the present Stewardship and Finance Committee should be discontinued; that in its place there should be a Board on Stewardship and Finance. This Board should consist of two representatives from each Yearly Meeting, four members at large to be nominated by the Yearly Meeting representatives

on the Board and approved by the Executive Council - the Five Years Meeting Treasurer to be an *ex-officio* member of the Board; that in addition to this Board there shall be a staff Secretary for the Board appointed by the Executive Council of the Five Years Meeting. This comes to the Five Years Meeting as a definite recommendation.

It is our hope that, if the recommendation is approved, the new Board would feel as one of its duties the careful study of the budget needs of the Five Years Meeting - the implemented ways and means by which our entire membership can be inspired toward greater stewardship and financial obligation to the program of the Five Years Meeting; also to give the Secretary of the Board counsel and guidance for his administrative duties. This can be done through the careful appointments to the Board from the various Yearly Meetings of individuals who are vitally interested in and dedicated to this broad field of service.

Action was deferred until there has been further study.

2. We also recommend that action to appoint an Administrative Secretary be postponed, pending further study and work by the Executive Committee on the present organization and staff relationships.

This was referred to the representatives for action.

Samuel R. Levering, chairman of the Survey Commission appointed by the Executive Council, spoke of one phase of the Commission's report - the Spiritual Mission. The sharing of our deepest insights, even across yearly meeting lines, is most important to developing unity among us. A hundred visitors are needed on the teams for the spiritual mission. A meeting of these Friends, including Yearly Meeting Superintendents and Secretaries, will be held today.

We adjourned to meet Friday morning.

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 4:35 P.M.

Meeting of Representatives

R-1. The representatives met in Stout Memorial Meetinghouse at the rise of the afternoon meeting for business, with the same clerks.

R-2. The ten changes in business procedure, referred by the Five Years Meeting, were brought to the attention of representatives, and after brief discussion were approved. (See Minute 6.)

R-3. Selection of a Nominating Committee and Committee on New Business were presented for action. It was pointed out that the Nominating Committee is to make nominations for clerks and other necessary oppointments. It was approved that each yearly meeting's representatives meet and select one member to serve on each of these committees, and report to the clerks.

R-4. The recommendation that the position of Administrative Secretary be left unfilled, which was referred from the Five Years Meeting floor, was discussed and approved.

The meeting adjourned to the following day at 4:10 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 8:00 P.M.

8. In the opening devotional period, Aldean Pitts led in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Spirit of God." Ida Mae Miller sang "Hallelujah" by Hummel. Max Carr, of Wilmington College, accompanied at the piano.

Landrum Bolling, President of Earlham College, said in his message of welcome that, more important than merely a welcome to this institution is the fact that it is the Christ who welcomes us; He is our host who invites us into His presence to deliberate about His work. We are participants together in a sacramental occasion of renewal and dedication. Back of our human fellowship is the brooding, compassionate spirit of One Who is here to teach us of Himself and to call us to tasks of reconciliation, perhaps more critical than ever before in the history of man.

David Henley introduced Seth B. Hinshaw, who spoke on the subject, "The Message and Mission of Friends."

We have come to a cross-roads of destiny, an hour of decision, and the hour of our visitation. God has brought us together to see whether our generation will rise up and fulfill our mission. Our task here is to get our bearings and to find a sense of direction.

We need more than fine challenges; we need *total commitment* and spiritual dedication to do the work that is before us. The gospel we preach must be whole and not fragmented. The message must be balanced. Emphasis on the inward personal experience must be balanced by a like emphasis upon a life of Christian service. Individual freedom will bring variation, but it is possible for widely scattered and divergent types of Friends to learn to love and appreciate one another as they work together for common goals.

Progress needs to be made in revitalization of our local meetings, in enrichment of Christian fellowship, and in meeting the imperfections and inefficiencies of our organization. We look to this task in faith and hope. (*This address is available in printed form.*)

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 9:40 A.M.

Following a brief devotional period and welcome of visitors, minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

9. Edward Nusbaum, chairman of the Publication Board, presented a report, with special comments by Russell E. Rees, Merle Brauer, William J. Reagan and Merritt Murphy.

The Board reports having achieved a goal set five years ago of operating on a sound financial basis, free from subsidy. The bookstore also has prospered and grown in usefulness; Russell Rees managed it from January 1959 to May 1960, in addition to his other work—a real and sacrificial service. Merle Brauer joined the staff in May 1960 as business manager.

Special personal tribute was paid by Edward Nusbaum to James C. Matchett, chairman of the Board for many years, who died in March this year. "He was a man of great stature . . . , and if you worked with him you came to love him and to respect his opinions."

Russell Rees presented a report on cooperation between the Publication and Christian Education Boards, which has been most important in the period of expanding development of printed curriculum materials. He summarized new materials which have been produced since last Five Years Meeting, and said that 21 pieces are now offered regularly each quarter, in the Penn Series.

Merle Brauer pointed out that sales totalled $60,362 in 1954-55, gradually increasing to $68,534 in 1959. The bookstore's main policies include: supplying good reading, filling orders promptly, stocking shelves wisely, and maintaining contact with all publishers to insure adequate service to local meetings.

In connection with this report, William Reagan presented four books which he encouraged Friends to read.

Merritt Murphy, editor of *The American Friend*, pointed out problems associated with it and *Quaker Action*. The editors and Publication Board earlier presented to the Executive Council a recommendation that there be a combined publication, on a monthly basis. The Council asked that a sample copy of the proposed publication be ready by the time of Five Years Meeting. This has been done, and *Quaker Life* is available for distribution. The meeting approved the Publication Board's report and referred the recommendation concerning a combined monthly publication to the representatives.

THE PUBLICATION BOARD

To the Five Years Meeting:

The Publication Board has experienced a steady and consistent growth over this five-year period, from 1955 to 1960. Richard Kendall acted as Business Manager during these years, until January, 1959, and deserves much credit for establishing the policies which have made our present report so favorable.

The sale of Sunday School supplies has increased from $38,125.00 in 1956, to $42,106.00 in 1960, a gain of 11%. Book sales increased from $16,689.00 to $19,323.00, or 15%. Miscellaneous sales increased from $5,548.00 to $7,105.00, or 28%. During this five-year period our operating balance grew from $3,703.00 to $8,707.00 or 13%. The net worth January 1, 1960, was $43,890.67, an increase of 57%, in five years.

This has come about while the Christian Education curriculum has been greatly expanded. We are seeing the fulfillment of many plans for more effective service to our Meetings. This has meant many new publications, which in turn has increased our inventory of Sunday School materials.

The Book Store is a most attractive part of our service to the

Meetings, and more and more serves the needs of the local community.

During the period of this report, some changes have taken place in personnel. Janet Fowble replaced Ada Toney, and Audrey Scott replaced Mildred Blessing. Richard Kendall resigned and as this is being written we are expecting Merle Brauer to come as Business Manager within a month. Will Reagan has continued to sell books both in the Book Store and on the field. He renders a priceless service through his love of books and his devotion to the cause of better reading.

We enter the new quinquennium with great expectations for continued service. The Chairman of the Publication Board, James C. Matchett, died in March of 1960, and Edward Nusbaum was named to succeed him.

Respectfully submitted,
Russell E. Rees

THE AMERICAN FRIEND AND QUAKER ACTION

The areas of responsibility for our two publications, "The American Friend," and "Quaker Action," were pointed out in the 1955 Five Years Meeting reports, with the primary purpose of Quaker Action to promote the united services of our Boards and Departments and The American Friend to furnish news and interpretation of Friends.

However it has become increasingly evident to the staff members that there is a large area of overlapping in our two publications, with some duplication unavoidable. Also, surveys have indicated a startlingly-high percentage of waste in our investment in Quaker Action, while The American Friend has been placed in a difficult, financially-insecure position.

Because of these facts the recommendation was made by the Editorial Council and the Publication Board at the 1960 spring Executive Council session that:

> "Quaker Action and The American Friend be combined into one strong monthly publication incorporating the inspirational and local news features of The American Friend and the United Services promotion program of Quaker Action."

The Executive Council "agreed that the idea is a good one but we cannot see our way clear to endorse it at present, primarily on account of the possibility of a loss in circulation. It was approved that the Publication Board investigate the matter further and present recommendations to the next Five Years Meeting sessions, perhaps with a sample copy, if possible . . ."

In accordance with the suggestion by the Executive Council, the Editorial Council and the Publication Board published a special Five Years Meeting combined issue of The American Friend and Quaker Action the first of July.

The editorial staff of The American Friend and Quaker Action feels that this step of combining these publications is desirable and the most practical and efficient way for the Five Years Meeting to solve its publication problems and maintain a vital channel of communication among Friends.

In January, 1959, printing of The American Friend was transferred from Economy Printers, Berne, Ind., to Warfels, Inc., of Richmond, Ind. Mailing is done by Warfels. Circulation of The American Friend now stands at 3,269, of which 406 are free subscriptions given to active Friends ministers. On the other hand, the circulation of Quaker Action has soared to more than 22,000, but it is estimated that up to a third or more of the mailing list is obsolete and the copies are not delivered.

Merritt Murphy, Editor
Mildred H. Hale, Associate Editor

10. Messages were read from:

(a) Near East Yearly Meeting of Friends, Emile Cortas, Presiding Clerk, Harold Smuck, Recording Clerk. Dorothy Steere, Ward Applegate and Alice Rees spoke briefly on their recent contacts with Friends of that Yearly Meeting at our mission station in Ramallah.

(b) The General Conference of Friends in India, Ranjit M. Chetsingh, secretary. It was approved to send a message of greeting.

Two communications were presented:

(a) The Friends General Conference, in session two weeks ago, sent greetings through Sumner and Lela Mills who attended. Sumner Mills spoke warmly of the fine fellowship experienced, and indicated that the official registration was 2860.

(b) New England Yearly Meeting sent a letter to inform the Five Years Meeting that in June 1959 the

Yearly Meeting took appropriate action to affiliate with the Friends General Conference. "This was done in a spirit of broad and Christian contacts, and in no way lessens our feeling of responsibility for and membership with the Five Years Meeting."

George I. Bliss, Clerk of that Yearly Meeting, spoke of the weight of concern for this action that there had been for over three years. Thomas R. Bodine mentioned the sense of unity that has developed as Friends of widely diverse thought have been worshipping and working together throughout the Yearly Meeting.

11. Report of the Survey Commission was brought, under the leadership of the Commission Chairman, Samuel R. Levering. At the Executive Council session in the fall of 1959 a Survey Commission was asked to look at the Five Years Meeting in its strengths and weaknesses and to recommend steps for action. Especially they were to look at needs of local meetings, at help being provided by the Five Years Meeting, at ways of strengthening the program, and to learn from the experience of various denominations faced with similar problems. David E. Henley was employed to coordinate this program and do related field and office work. In this capacity he travelled widely and sought guidance and help of Friends. A Workshop on the Message and Mission of Friends was held in March 1960 with 21 Friends participating from eight yearly meetings. In the pervading spirit of worship throughout the Workshop unity was found in the message and program.

It was evident that implementation - getting ideas into practice - was the first area needing improvement. To accomplish this, recommendations were developed on several lines:

(1) Organization. It was recommended that an Executive Committee of the Executive Council be established, to meet regularly and take real part in planning and execution of the work of the Five Years Meeting. Members were appointed and have been serving as follows: Willard Ware, Bernard White, Norman E. Young, Marcus E. Kendall as Chairman of the Executive Council, and Sumner A. Mills as Clerk of the Five Years Meeting.

Willard Ware, chairman of the Executive Committee, spoke of work done and vision for the future. Providing needed field service, both general and in specific areas of concern, should now take precedence among services. Machinery to accomplish our goals needs to be modernized. The action taken yesterday (see Minute 7) approved recommendations in this direction. The Executive Committee has studied the situation and worked on relieving some points of stress, caused by increase in responsibilities of already-loaded Board Secretaries. The principles of good business practice are needed and can be applied in our Five Years Meeting.

(2) The Spiritual Mission to Friends, another phase of the Survey Commission's recommendations, was presented by Glenn A. Reece. As a first step, it has been agreed that a large group of Friends should be enlisted to visit in their own and other yearly meetings, going under concern and not simply as a gesture of fellowship. The practical matter of meeting travel expenses is yet to be solved, but individuals and meetings will be able to help at this point.

(3) Emphasis on service to local meetings was given by David E. Henley, with the idea not that we give less attention and service to others, but that we also minister to our own. More inter-visitation, sharing our deepest concerns and insights, and stressing necessity for planning by the local meeting - these are imperatives.

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 11:40 A.M.

12. S. Arthur Watson led the devotional period at the close of the morning business session, saying that in the Kingdom of the Heart we find vision and refuge, power and guidance. As we go deeper in our search, we find power which comes from the broken heart, as physical power comes from the broken nucleus, a power which comes from fusion of our hearts with the heart of God.

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1:45 P.M.

13. Continuing the presentation of the morning, Samuel Levering introduced T. Eugene Coffin, who spoke on the development of the Message in the March Workshop.

Discussion there had centered around the fact that Christ is experienced at the center of our lives, and that the experience in the New Testament is confirmed in our lives and effective in our world today. In brief, we might say our message is Jesus Christ and our mission is to make Him known.

Samuel Levering concluded the report of the Survey Commission on a note of encouragement and hope. Definite forward steps have been made in the field of leadership training, not only in the Five Years Meeting but at Earlham, Guilford and other Friends Colleges. The Commission urged that we go forward with love, joy and real expectations for the future.

Ronald Williams from Jamaica spoke of their hopes for greater pre-service training, more in-service training, and greater exchanges of leadership. Elsie McCoy and Charles Whitely spoke encouragingly of the new sense of direction that is evident.

Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 4:10 P.M.

Meeting of Representatives

After a brief devotional period, minutes of the previous day's action were read and approved.

R-5. Names of the Nominating and New Business Committees were read for information as follows:

Nominating	*Yearly Meeting*	*New Business*
Mary Moorman White	Baltimore	Thomas W. Y. Clark
Harold Walker	California	Keith Sarver
Stirling Nelson	Canadian	Fred Haslam
Solomon Adagala	East Africa	Leah Lung'aho
Isaac Phillips	Indiana	Clayton Hiatt
Bernard White	Iowa	S. Arthur Watson
Ronald Williams	Jamaica	Gerald Wight
Oralia de Gonzales	Mexico	Oralia de Gonzales
Lindley J. Cook	Nebraska	J. Evelynn Schutz
George I. Bliss	New England	Maude A. Fowler
Levinus K. Painter	New York	Howard L. Carey
Robert M. Jones	North Carolina	Charles C. Hendricks
Errol T. Elliott	Western	Claude O. Wood
Faith A. Terrell	Wilmington	Robert J. Rumsey

R-6. From the Workshop on Message held this afternoon came a recommendation that a committee be named to receive suggestions for changes in the Message, to consist of Seth B. Hinshaw, T. Eugene Coffin and Samuel R. Levering. It was approved that this committee receive suggestions and present the Message to a later session, with some suggestions as to its use.

R-7. Rendering service to local meetings through the Spiritual Mission was presented by Samuel Levering. He indicated that the Executive Council has laid the responsibility on Glenn Reece, with the Board on Peace and Social Concerns offering such assistance by its Secretary as may be desired. A number of individuals have indicated their interest in participating in the Mission.

The representatives approved encouraging the staff and Executive Committee to proceed with plans for the Spiritual Mission.

Each yearly meeting's representatives were asked to meet and select someone, possibly the Secretary or Superintendent, to consider the matter of the Mission, and prepare a list of names of persons who are vitally interested. These appointments were reported as follows:

Arnold B. Vaught	Baltimore
Keith Sarver	California
Fred Haslam	Canadian
John Compton Kenneth Pickering	Indiana
Orval Cox (to September 1) Wayne Allman (after September 1)	Iowa
Lindley J. Cook	Nebraska
Thomas R. Bodine	New England
Jesse A. Stanfield	New York
Seth B. Hinshaw	North Carolina
Norval E. Webb	Western
Robert J. Rumsey (north) Howard Yates (south)	Wilmington

R-8. Recommendation that the Board on Stewardship and Finance replace the Committee of that name was referred from the Five Years Meeting (see Minute 7.)

Orlando Dick questioned appointment of two representatives from each Yearly Meeting, and Marcus Kendall indicated that probably this needed further consideration. David Stanfield spoke of the advantage of a Board rather than a Committee made up of members of other Boards. Caleb Smith pointed out that their service would be much broader than finance and would include help in program planning in the local meeting. Willard Ware stressed the urgent need for prompt action.

The recommendation was approved, with the understanding that the Executive Council might change the number of yearly meeting representatives.

R-9. Solomon Adagala, representative from East Africa Yearly Meeting, asked when there could be consideration of the question of general education as faced in the newer yearly meetings. The Committee on New Business was asked to make arrangements for this, if possible.

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 8:00 P.M.

14. We joined in singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," led by Wellington Whittlesey of William Penn College, Ruth Batt at the piano. A solo was sung by June Gwyn of Indianapolis, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains," by Harker.

Glenn A. Reece, General Secretary of the Five Years Meeting, brought an earnest and forward looking message on the theme, "Called to Witness and to Serve."

We were reminded of the experiences of George Fox who, through a mystical and practical relationship with God, was able to bring about changes in persons and in conditions, first being changed himself.

A new tide of life in the Society of Friends is increasingly evident in many ways - in growth in numbers, interests and work of the United Society of Friends Women; in the work of Quaker Men, especially their part in building the new Central Offices and assisting in the agricultural program in East Africa; in the developing work of young Friends; in the growth of the Wider Quaker Fellowship; in the increasing service of the Friends Committee on National Legislation as an expression of Friends concerns; in Friends influence in the National and World

Councils of Churches; in a new high in support of budgets and giving outside of budgets; and in other ways.

The worship experience must underlie all of our life. Growing out of this must come removal of barriers to fellowship among Friends; more adequate preparation for church membership; bringing of independent meetings into yearly meeting fellowship; going beyond non-violence to become active peace makers; conservation of our youth; accepting the three overseas Yearly Meetings as equals; and development of excellence in program planning.

Friends were charged to be courageous and strong, with depth and sense of direction, letting God remold our minds from within and so meeting all of His demands and moving to the goal of true Christian maturity.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 9:40 A.M.

Following a brief period of quiet meditation, minutes of the previous day's sessions were read and approved.

15. Visitors were welcomed. Greetings were read from Charles C. Haworth of Newberg, one time a missionary in Cuba, and from Thomas Lung'aho in East Africa.

16. A communication from New York Yearly Meeting was read, recording action taken in 1955 to re-unite the two New York Yearly Meetings; work is in progress on revision of their Discipline.

17. Report of the Education Board was not spoken to, but was approved as printed.

REPORT OF BOARD ON EDUCATION

The Board on Education was established by the Five Years Meeting for the definite purpose of encouraging the maintenance of Quaker educational ideals in its schools and colleges. It was also to promote interest on the part of all Friends in the development and support of their institutions of learning.

There has been, during the last five years, an unprecedented growth in the number of youth seeking education at the secondary school and college levels. The Christian laymen of the nation are becoming increasingly aware of this problem and of their responsibility for its solution. This concern has been implemented by the establishment of the National Committee of Churchmen for Church Colleges, the amazing growth of state and regional foundations for the independent and church-related colleges, and the nation-wide observance of Christian Higher Education Sunday.

During this period the Board on Education has stressed closer school-college and yearly meeting cooperation; has sought active enterprises with Quaker Men; has continued the annual meetings of college presidents for the sharing of programs and problems, a mutually helpful experience; and especially has considered the ways and means for more adequately selecting and preparing, under Friends auspices, the leadership so urgently needed for Friends work everywhere.

Various techniques have been used among the yearly meetings to create greater understanding and cooperation between them and their colleges: the establishment of school-college yearly meeting cooperative committees; the utilization of Christian Higher Education Sunday as a time for student and faculty visitation in the local meetings; the provision of on- and off-campus special conferences, institutes and short courses. Through these educative processes some yearly meetings have become aware of their responsibility for increased financial assistance to their schools and colleges through yearly meeting appropriations and the annual giving of individual Friends.

Since the churchmen of the nation were interesting themselves in Christian higher education, the Board endeavored to establish a cooperative movement with Quaker Men. In the spring of 1957, it offered $2,200.00 from its funds to the Executive Council for the establishment of an office and the provision of personnel to serve both organizations. Although this was not realized, the Board has constantly encouraged programs of cooperation within the yearly meetings.

While attending the annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges, the presidents of the Friends colleges have met to explain their programs and to discuss their problems. During the years, these meetings have proved to be of importance, giving encouragement and helpful direction to each participant.

The foremost project of this five-year period has been the consideration of and planning for more concentrated special training for leaders among Friends. Since most of the meetings of the Five Years Meeting are depending upon ministers, it is of paramount importance that these leaders be trained in a Quaker environment and on the basic principles and insights of the Society of Friends. Two special programs have emerged during this period—one at

Guilford College and one at Earlham College. Three years ago, after long and careful preparation, Guilford College inaugurated a program of a graduate year of special courses in Bible and Quakerism, leading to a Master of Arts degree. Earlham College received a special grant to make a long range study of the needs for such training in the Five Years Meeting and to plan and project a graduate program to meet these needs. A two-year trial period of extended course work in religion will begin this year.

Clyde A. Milner, Chairman
Esther McMillan, Secretary

Solomon Adagala, school supervisor in Nyanza, member of East Africa Yearly Meeting, spoke of their concern with education. It is extremely difficult to get their young people in college and even in secondary school, so it is difficult to find adequately prepared leaders for the Yearly Meeting's work. With the movement for independence in Kenya, leaders of understanding and training are essential to influence trends in Africa. About 90% of the children of the Maragoli tribes are able, on a voluntary basis, to go to the first four years of the elementary school; only 25% or 30% of those who complete their elementary education can go on. Of those who go on for the next four years, only 5% or 10% ever get into a high school; and there is only one college to serve 20 million people. He expressed appreciation to Friends in several yearly meetings who have assisted individual young people who are studying in the United States. With respect to the fear of some in America that young people from Africa would tend to want to stay if they came here for advanced education, he assured us that in the main they are eager to return home.

18. The Pension Committee report was spoken to by F. Chase Stevenson, who urged that each superintendent or secretary of a yearly meeting take responsibility for having a committee set up to secure participation in the Pension Plan. Attention was also called to their exhibit and the presence there of a representative of the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund, through which the policies are secured. The report was approved.

REPORT OF THE PENSION COMMITTEE

Total monthly income now underwritten	$ 3,890.67
Life Insurance - 56 contracts	287,730.00
Annuities - 26 contracts	1,083.25
Maturity Cash Value - All contracts	618,181.90
Total Annual Premiums	15,947.40
Present number of participants	82

> Three former Participants have discontinued participation during the past five years.

Three Amendments to the original text of the Retirement Plan Agreement have been made as follows:

> "Amendment 1 - April 29, 1947 - Page 5, Article Three - Eligibility '(e) Any member of the Society of Friends employed in religious work and especially approved by the Pension Committee', and that the present paragraph (e) should be changed to (f)."
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> "Amendment 2 - April 1, 1953 - Article Ten - Section 2 - Premiums — When approved by the Pension Committee, a premium may be paid by a loan on the cash value of the Retirement Contract if the participant and/or Participating Organization is wholly unable to pay a premium when due."
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> "Amendment 3 - March 29, 1960 - Article Nine - Withdrawal Benefits — (g) The Participant may elect the Extended Term insurance non-forfeiture value of his retirement contract subject to the approval of the Pension Committee."

Following the 1955 session of the Five Years Meeting the Pension Committee fully considered the suggestion that the Employing Meeting, or other employing organization, pay the total premium for those eligible to participate and reported to the Executive Council that:

> "The Pension Committee recognizes the need for more adequate financial support for ministers and other participants, and welcomes the voluntary payment of the entire premium by the employing organization but does not believe it would be wise to make this a provision of the Plan."

The Pension Committee has, since the Retirement Plan was adopted, tried many plans to increase participation so that the plan would more completely benefit all those for whom it was intended. The Committee feels that the plan of Norval Webb, Superintendent of Western Yearly Meeting, could well be recommended to all

Yearly Meetings as he is taking personal responsibility for increasing participation especially among the younger ministers of Western Yearly Meeting.

It is also encouraging to find that the Presbyterian Ministers' Fund, through which our retirement benefits are provided, has recently established a district office in Indianapolis, and their representative in that office, Herman D. Fudge, plans to attend as many Yearly Meetings as possible as a personal representative of the Pension Committee in an effort to fully explain the value of participation in our Retirement Plan.

We have invited him to attend the session of the Five Years Meeting in which this report will be presented.

The Pension Committee
F. Chase Stevenson, Chairman
Lorton Heusel
John J. Haramy
William C. Dennis
Norval Webb

The assembly joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," led by Norman Young, Ruth Stoffregen at the piano.

19. Report of the Board on Training for Christian Vocations was approved. B. Russell Branson, Board Chairman, called attention to the service of David E. Henley as new Secretary of the Board, announced publication of a leaflet describing the nature and work of this Board, and mentioned the workshops being conducted each day during the Five Years Meeting.

David Henley expressed concern that we are coming so late in our response to the great need for training leadership, but pledged his best efforts to carry forward the Board's work.

BOARD ON TRAINING FOR CHRISTIAN VOCATIONS

The Five Years Meeting has launched a program of leadership training which is part of a rising tide of concern among American Friends generally. A new board on Training for Christian Vocations has been authorized and is organized to begin work July 1, 1960.

This new and forward step has been taken after long years of consideration and deep concern. Benjamin Trueblood, as long ago as 1902, gave voice to his convictions that Friends must face up to the need for better trained ministers. Some fifteen years ago a commission was appointed to study leadership needs and leadership training. Their report was one of a number that constituted an over-all study of the needs within the Five Years Meeting. This was the beginning of the "Advance Movement". The result was that the Executive Council appointed a committee on Ministerial Training. This Committee was to keep in touch with persons who were in training for the ministry, to organize programs of training for persons in-service, and to administer a loan fund that would give financial aid to those wishing to make use of it. Through the devoted efforts of Herbert Huffman as chairman of this committee there began to develop a deeper sense of need to do a much better job in three particular areas: (a) encourage young people to enter the ministry, (b) help them to get adequate educational training, and (c) assist them to find their proper place of Christian service.

It might be appropriate to state the general nature of the problems. The gravest of all problems was the fact that while the Five Years Meeting had adopted the Pastoral System it did not plan for a program of training for its ministers. Consequently there developed, more by accident than by design, a type of pastor and pastoral relationship that in many cases was unhealthy, unQuakerly, were a precious few, scattered all over the Five Years Meeting, who had but little schooling of any kind. Fortunately we had a fairly reasonable number of ministers who were college graduates. There was a precious few, scattered all over the Five Years Meeting, who had received seminary training. Another facet of the problem was the fact that we had to depend too largely on other denominations to provide persons to serve as pastors where there was not a Friends Minister available. Then, there was the problem of inadequate financial support. All too many Friends ministers found that they could not support a family on their salaries. Many had to resort to additional employment. This divided their time and greatly hampered their Christian service.

All of these problems, and more, were carefully considered at a general conference called by the Executive Council. It was held at Germantown, Ohio, in November of 1957 and was well attended by a truly representative group. The outstanding characteristic of the conference was that it was united both in spirit and in purpose. The conference felt deeply the sense of need for more leadership and for a better trained ministry. One of the major results of the conference was the awareness that ultimately we must have a program for seminary training. We must have the program because we need the trained leadership, and, to attract and inspire our young people to prepare themselves for such leadership. It was at this conference that a strong and new element entered the picture. It was the sense that training is needed for many types of Christian service other than the pastoral ministry. This new and vital concept led to the establishment of a Board on Training for Christian Vocations. The minute authorizing the new board describes its functions as follows:

1. Recruit and train workers for full time church related vocation, with special reference to the ministry.
2. Maintain contact with students during their education.
3. Have charge of student loan funds.
4. Seek ways to stimulate the continued training of workers already in service.
5. Prepare such publications as may be deemed necessary.
6. Assist graduating students in matters of placement in-service.
7. Maintain contacts with similar agencies of the National Council of Churches.
8. Share the concerns of this Board with Friends Secondary Schools and Colleges.

The finding, encouraging, recruiting, training and placing of religious workers for all types of service in the work of advancing the Kingdom of God is in itself a service of very great importance. We realize that there are many forms of ministry. We are acutely aware of the fact that there is need for training in each type of ministry if the ministry is to be performed adequately. The Board in its organization meeting stated, - "We recognize that there is a broad base of Christian Vocation in all of our work and we would never lose sight of this in the total life of our Society. The task of this Board, however, is more significantly, the training of leadership for ministers, missionaries, Christian Education directors and writers, Church musicians, Monthly Meeting and Yearly Meeting Secretaries and Administrative Staff."

Even before the new board was established it was recognized that the work to be done would require personal contacts and the full time of a person of training and great skill. This was another one of the major conclusions of the Germantown conference. The Board, subsequently, gave a great deal of time and thought to the quality and character of the person who would be asked to promote this vital work among us. The board set forth the following qualifications:

1. He should be conversant with the various Friends groups.
2. He should be one to whom young people respond and for whom they have respect.
3. He should know the problems of our struggling meetings.
4. He must have administrative ability.
5. He should be sensitive to the potential in others.
6. He should possess in rather large measure the qualities of imagination, perseverance and cooperation.
7. He should be able to write and prepare necessary materials.
8. He must have a real concern for the work.
9. He should be acquainted with all Quaker Vocational opportunities.
10. He should have a real understanding and appreciation of Seminary training and an ability to help others to see the need for it.

The Board feels itself most fortunate to have secured the consent of David Henley to serve in the full time capacity of director and personal field worker for this program. More than any one else he brings to the program the qualities we so much need.

While the Board recognizes its primary responsibility to the Meetings of the Five Years Meeting, nevertheless, it is aware of trends, developments, and needs in the whole of the Society of Friends, and in the much larger field out among Christian groups both at home and abroad. The Board will seek to cooperate with Monthly and Yearly Meetings, with Friends schools and colleges, with the Boards of the Five Years Meeting, with the American Friends Service Committee, with the Friends Committee on National Legislation and with the Friends World Committee for Consultation. We shall endeavor to keep in touch with Seminaries where Friends are in attendance. We certainly want to be helpful in the development of additional and extended schooling. We are grateful for such recent developments at Guilford College, and Earlham College.

We are hopefully looking toward a day when we can have a Friends School for training in the ministry. We believe it should be a school of very high excellence and based upon Quaker principles of leadership; a school to which any young Friend might be proud to come and any young Christian seeking leadership training that has the quality and spirit of Quakerism might turn with confidence. The Board feels it to be one of its responsibilities to prepare the way and encourage the coming of such a day and such an institution.

Because the Five Years Meeting is an organized body, and has Yearly Meetings in Cuba, Jamaica and Africa as well as in the United States and Canada, it, therefore, has qualities of an international and interracial nature which places upon us a greater degree of responsibility. The Board is aware that it has come upon the scene at a crucial hour. It is an hour that is crucial in world history and of grave importance to the Society of Friends.

The Society of Friends needs a type of leadership that will draw the Society closer and closer together in fellowship and in oneness while fully respecting the many cultures and backgrounds from which we come. The world of Christianity needs to have the Society lead forth once more. Just as the Society of Friends gave to Christianity a new concept of worship, it needs now to give a new concept of trained religious leadership. This leadership should be based on the Quaker principle of service and not status. Friends ministers should be ministers among ministers (among the members of their meetings) thus demonstrating the democracy of the Christian life and faith. The world needs to have Christianity burst forth once more with a new and vigorous type of leadership to which the great masses of humanity will respond because it has in it the very life and spirit of Jesus Christ.

The Board's Program

At its spring meeting the Board designed a program as follows:

1. Its work for the *immediate* future; especially in the first months, beginning July 1, 1960.
    a. Contact and communicate with all young Friends in school who are looking toward full time Christian work.
    b. Conduct a five period workshop on Christian Leadership at the session of the Five Years Meeting in July.
    c. Produce and publish a pamphlet that will describe the nature and scope of the work of our Board.

   - d. We expect our Executive Secretary, David Henley, to attend as many as possible of the Yearly Meeting sessions and Young Friends Camps during the summer.
   - e. David Henley will begin to organize and promote a whole series of yearly meeting and regional conferences on Christian Vocations.
   - f. Administer Scholarship and Loan Funds.

2. Its work for 1961.
   - a. Maintain contact with Young Friends in training for Christian leadership.
   - b. Establish working relationships with Friends schools, Friends colleges and Theological Seminaries where Friends are in attendance.
   - c. Establish a working relationship with the National Council of Churches in the field of Christian Vocations.
   - d. Promote vigorously a program of yearly meeting and regional conferences on Christian Vocations in all parts of the Five Years Meeting.
   - e. Develop our Scholarship Fund to a working capital of $25,000.00.
   - f. Produce and publish pamphlets, flyers and other materials designed to promote the recruiting and placing of trained leaders.
   - g. Begin some programs in at least a few yearly meetings of "In-Service-Training" for pastors.

3. Its work for the next five years.
   - a. Maintain diligently its contacts with Young Friends.
   - b. Strengthen its working relationships with Friends Schools and Colleges.
   - c. Develop a fully organized and equally distributed program of leadership conferences throughout the Five Years Meeting.
   - d. Maintain and administer a truly adequate Scholarship fund.
   - e. Promote "In-Service-Training" programs in every Yearly Meeting.
   - f. Develop a program of training for Christian service in the many areas other than pastoral leadership.
   - g. Prepare and publish vital literature on the many areas of leadership in Christian Vocations.

B. Russell Branson, Chairman

20. Report of the Board on Evangelism and Church Extension was approved. J. Paul Hadley, Chairman, spoke briefly on the work of the Board as it looks toward new and greater endeavors, then introduced Glenn A. Reece, who will give part of his time to the work of this Board.

Glenn Reece brought a challenge to us as Christians to be obedient, dedicated, and sensitive to the needs of people and the spirit of God. The growth of population should be accompanied by establishment of new churches. In the area of church extension and concern for persons, it was suggested: that we consider a conference on this subject; that we encourage workshops for self-evaluation and seach for direction; that in our sessions here we think whether our energies might, as a beginning, be directed to serving a small Yearly Meeting such as Nebraska.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON EVANGELISM AND CHURCH EXTENSION

After an extended period of inactivity the Board on Evangelism and Church Extension is now being activated and is taking its responsibility seriously. We are united in the hope that Glenn Reece will be able to serve the interests of Evangelism and Church Extension as acting executive secretary, giving of such part of his time as is possible until a full-time executive secretary can be secured. Our Board has asked for a travel fund to care for his expenses in this work.

We have arranged for Glenn Reece to represent the Five Years Meeting at a meeting of the Board of Managers of the Central Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches to be held in New York City, May 3 and 4, 1960.

Our plans for the Board on Evangelism and Church Extension Workshops during the 1960 sessions of the Five Years Meeting include the following:

Friday, July 15. Edward O. Linton in charge of a Workshop on the subject of "The Challenge of Our Shifting Population."

Saturday, July 16. Moses Bailey in charge of a Workshop on the subject of "The Non-Resident-Member Challenge."

Monday, July 18. James W. Ellis, Jr. in charge of a Workshop on the subject "Growth In Existing Meetings."

Tuesday, July 19. Paul Hadley in charge of a Workshop on the subject of "Church Extension."

Wednesday, July 20. Joe Watkins in charge of a Workshop on the subject of "Evangelism In The Local Meetings."

Resource leaders in each of these areas are being selected.

We approve a project being set up by the Board on Training for Christian Vocations which will offer opportunity for the stimulation and development of prayer groups over the Five Years Meeting.

Submitted by:
J. Paul Hadley, Chairman
James W. Ellis, Jr., Acting Secretary

21. Memorials were presented by Dorothy Gilbert Thorne. We are compassed about not only by our contemporaries whom we represent here, but by those who have gone before. Behind the brief phrases in these memorials are whole lives, bearing the fruits of the spirit. Memorials were read as follows:

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

GRACE BLACKBURN KINDEL, was a missionary and nurse at the Friends Africa Mission, a member of the American Friends Board of Missions and the Executive Committee of the National U.S.F.W.

WILLIAM R. NEAVE, was an assistant clerk of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, a delegate to the Five Years Meeting.

J. HOGE RICKS, a Judge of the Juvenile Court, Clerk of Baltimore Yearly Meeting for 20 years, an assistant presiding clerk of Five Years Meeting.

CALIFORNIA YEARLY MEETING

JESSE DRINEN, a pastor, Youth Secretary of California Yearly Meeting, and a member of the Five Years Meeting Board on Christian Education.

MARIAN C. KEATES, a member of the Executive Committee of the U.S.F.W.

W. O. AND LUCY MENDENHALL, directors of Quaker Hill for three years. They also gave far-reaching service to Quaker education at Earlham College, Friends University, Whittier and Wilmington Colleges.

ARTHUR SHUFELT, a missionary at Council House in Oklahoma.

Allen U. Tomlinson, clerk of California Yearly Meeting for 30 years, a presiding clerk of Five Years Meeting.

EAST AFRICA YEARLY MEETING

Dr. Elisha Blackford, started the medical work in East Africa in 1913 and served there until 1916.

Maria Maraga, was one of the first Charter Members of F.A.M. Her conversion to Christianity was a challenge to the many African women of her time. During her lifetime she devoted much of her time helping other women to know Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

Isaka Wabwoba Nato served his people as a teacher in Friends Schools where he did much to show the young people under his influence how to know Jesus.

Thomas Mbala was one of the first Africans to join the Mission at Vihiga in the Maragoli area. He did much to help his people to come to Jesus. He died while he was Clerk of the Gilwatsi Monthly Meeting.

Kefa Khaemba was a very strong and faithful leader of his people. He had been jailed for a false accusation, had appealed against the sentence and had succeeded. However, he was murdered while herding his cattle. The murderer took his Bible and a hymn book with some money.

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING

Mary A. J. Ballard, a most active member of the Mission Board.

Franklin P. Chant, a pastor and worker in Monroe County, Tennessee.

Homer J. Coppock, Chairman of the Program Committee for the 1955 sessions of the Five Years Meeting and of the Quaker Hill Committee for many years; a member of many other committees including American Friends Service Committee and Friends World Committee, and a visiting Friend who gave valuable service in this country and abroad.

Warren Edwards, a member of the Committee on the Home for Older Friends.

John H. Johnson, a trustee of Five Years Meeting and the Earlham Foundation.

Millie Lawhead, a minister who had attended all sessions of Five Years Meeting during her lifetime.

Charles L. Stubbs, a trustee of the Five Years Meeting.

Percy M. Thomas, a pastor, member of several boards and committees, and a staff member at Friends Central Offices.

Isaac Wilson, a trustee of the Five Years Meeting.

George H. Wood, member of the Five Years Meeting Finance Committee, Executive Council, and Quaker Hill Committee.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING

Arthur W. Hadley, pastor, and missionary to the Oklahoma Indians.

Ermin Perisho, worker among the Indians at Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

Irene D. Stranahan, a member of the Mission Board for many years.

JAMAICA YEARLY MEETING

Kenneth B. M. Crooks, Headmaster of Happy Grove School for 14 years.

MEXICO YEARLY MEETING

Francisco E. Estrello, Director of Friends Work in Mexico.

NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING

Milo Crosbie, former president of Nebraska Central College.

Jessie Elma Joyce, missionary in Cuba.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

Alice Whittier Jones, beloved teacher in Ramallah for many years.

Walter H. Wood, a Friend whose guidance in financial matters in his own Yearly Meeting and beyond was much appreciated because of its wisdom and spiritual quality.

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING

Clement H. Biddle, a Friend whose concern for the vitality of local meetings and the training of leadership throughout American

Quakerism led him to establish the Quaker Leadership grants from which a number of Five Years Meeting Friends have benefited.

ROBERT L. SIMKIN, a member of the faculty of West China Union University, 1907-1944, serving through support of a Committee from Haverford College.

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING

SAMUEL L. HAWORTH, pastor, professor of Religion at Guilford College, Clerk of N. C. Yearly Meeting for 14 years, active in work of the F.Y.M., a contributing editor of *The American Friend.*

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING

EDMUND T. ALBERTSON, Executive Secretary of the Indiana Council of Christian Education for many years, active in work of the Temperance League and of Friends in different areas.

DR. BENJAMIN F. ANDREWS, physician, teacher, missionary who served in Mexico and Jamaica.

ALVIN T. COATE, member of Publication Board, founder and chairman of the Fiduciary Corporation of Friends, member of Executive Council.

JAMES C. MATCHETT, industrial executive of Chicago, served as chairman of the Publication Board and the Finance Committee of the Five Years Meeting.

BELVA NEWSOM, a teacher in Ramallah for a year.

ISAAC WOODARD, donor of the property at Quaker Hill and Friends Central Offices, founder of the Quaker Hill Foundation, trustee, member of the Executive Council of the F.Y.M., chairman of the Fiduciary Corporation.

WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING

ELIZABETH BEALS, matron of the Wm. Foster Home for Girls at Friendsville Academy in Tennessee for 38 years, teacher of a young men's Bible Class for 50 years, Reading Clerk of Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

RUTHANNA HADLEY, Recording Secretary, U.S.F.W., Statistical Recorder of Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

DE ELLA NEWLIN, pastor in Indiana and Ohio, teacher of Bible Class, Friends Africa Mission.

LILLIAN HAYES PETERS, missionary in Jamaica.

Mary Hawkins Terrell, Reading Clerk of Wilmington Yearly Meeting and of the Five Years Meeting.

Our Father, we pause to give Thee thanks for the lives of these our Friends no longer present save in our memories. They have inspired us by their faith and devotion, led us in their manifold activities and we miss them.

We ask Thee to make us more aware of the subtle interplay of personality upon personality — created in Thy image that we may hear Thy voice in those about us and Thy voice within us.

Guide and direct us that we may fulfill Thy purposes for the years of our lives.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 11:40 A.M.

22. The devotional period was led by Earl Prignitz, with a message growing out of the memorial report. Something of the life of those who have gone before lives on, as Beethoven lives through his music, recognized most fully after the person is gone. Something of the expressions of the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit is recognized only after the revelation. The Old Testament outstandingly presents the Father; the New Testament presents the Jesus who lived in Palestine; do we recognize our day as the time of the Holy Spirit? Pentecost brought a high point out of a time of sorrow and sense of loss. Throughout history this happens, and today we are in another of the times of depression. Today is a spiritual opportunity of the ages. A true alternative to atomic holocaust is a re-awakening to the Spirit of God.

We spend so much time bickering about each other's shortcomings because we ourselves lack the power to do what ought to be done. As the early Christians needed to be rid of some of their ideas of power, so that they could receive the real power of the Spirit of God, so the church today must forget our dreams of bringing in the Kingdom by machinery or program, and realize that only by the Holy Spirit can real power come.

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 1:45 P.M.

23. The Nominating Committee made a partial report, as follows: for the EPISTLE COMMITTEE, R. Furnas Trueblood, chairman (Indiana); Ora W. Carrell (Nebraska), Thomas R. Bodine (New England), Daryl Kent (North Carolina), Alma T. Warren (Wilmington), Solomon Adagala (East Africa). These nominations were approved and the appointments made.

24. David E. Henley opened the afternoon's discussion, growing out of the morning's presentation on vitality in local meetings.

Thomas R. Bodine told of developments in the Hartford Meeting, from which two other Meetings have been formed. Among the several factors contributing to vitality is a simple one - they share lunch together every Sunday after meeting, with the men washing the dishes! They feel that the fellowship of breaking bread together regularly builds them into harmony and strengthens them in spiritual and intellectual activities.

T. Eugene Coffin of Alamitos Meeting in California said that the exploding population and electronic developments which have brought increased industrialization to California are the biggest contributors to their problems - and opportunities. Population of the town, for example, has in the past ten years grown from 3,000 to 85,000; growth in the Meeting has likewise been tremendous. Out of dynamic fellowship comes the business, preparation for membership, and the active program of the church. A prophetic ministry through teaching and integration of the total church program is enhanced by wider relationships and inter-church fellowship.

B. Russell Branson pointed out that ministry is rendered by all in many ways and through many talents. The concept of "pastor" is that this is the minister who coordinates and seeks to utilize the *total* ministry of all.

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 1960

25. Meeting for worship according to the unprogrammed manner of Friends gathered in Stout Memorial Meeting-

house at 9 o'clock. The Meeting was characterized by deep periods of silent waiting out of which vocal prayer and messages came. A hymn in her own language was offered by our Friend from East Africa Yearly Meeting. The worship culminated in the thought of our call to serve as do members of a relay team, in our turn passing on the baton to another, as Friends move forward.

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 10:00 A.M.

26. Russell E. Rees led the Bible Hour in the Field House Auditorium, on the Fourth Gospel. The author, an independent writer, attempted to give to a non-Jewish audience something of the significance of the life of Jesus. Using the familiar Greek word Logos, or the Word, he interpreted the coming of Jesus as part of the purpose of God to break through man's indifference, and come in incarnation to man. Although as he said, no man has seen God at any time, the Son had revealed Him, had shown that love is of God, and "they that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 11:00 A.M.

27. Norval E. Webb presided in the meeting for worship. David N. Davenport, with Janet Ball at the piano, led in singing "O For a Thousand Tongues." Wilfrid Littleboy read from Revelations, chapter two. Two anthems - "By the Waters of Babylon" (Williams) and "This Still Room" (Davenport) - were sung by the choir of Richmond First Friends Meeting. During the open period of worship Friends sought the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit, and David Castle voiced our prayer.

R. Ernest Lamb invited joyous and generous sharing of our means through the offering, to help in bringing to these sessions our representatives from overseas.

The Young Friends choir, under direction of Aldean Pitts, wth Judith Kendall at the piano, sang "Alleluia" - Hymn of St. Francis of Assisi.

D. Elton Trueblood's message was a challenge to Quakerism. It centered around God's message to the church at Ephesus as recorded in the passage read from Revelations, a letter which might well be addressed to Quakers. Among the lampstands of religious expression is the Quaker lampstand; but it is only a lampstand, for Christ is the Light. The Friends movement began as a burning fire, but after 308 years, has it simmered down to merely another conventional group?

Two witnesses can be made today by Friends - first, the witness of a "total ministry," not of status but of call; and second, the witness of sensing identification of Christianity with our daily, common life. In conclusion we were urged to remember who we are, to what we are called, and to whom we belong. Let us know what our first love is, then our lampstand will be in its place.

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 3:00 P.M.

28. At the Sunday afternoon session, Ruth Stoffregen introduced Rosa Page Welch with the reminder that our ongoing ministry is "not what we give but what we share."

Rosa Page Welch spoke of her trip around the world in 1954, sponsored by the National Council of Churches, and her trip to South America in 1958. Music, she said, is a universal language. She told of richly rewarding experiences in an early morning prayer meeting with Christians in Africa; and of a group of Korean children, refugees from flood conditions, singing in Seoul, Korea with enthusiasm and spiritual meaning in spite of their needy condition.

With Max Carr at the piano, she sang "Let Us Break Bread Together," arranged by Lawrence, and the "Ninety-First Psalm," by McDermot. She followed this with singing a group of spirituals, and led the group in joining her in the spiritual, "My Feet Are Tired." Following the singing of the gospel song, "If I can help somebody as I pass along, then my living shall not be in vain," the group joined her in two spirituals. She concluded with singing, "Jesus, Your Lord and Mine," by Christine Willets, and the spiritual, "I was there when they crucified my Lord; were you there when they crucified my Lord?"

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 8:00 P.M.

29. The Five Years Meeting Choir, directed by Leonard Holvik of Earlham College, Max Carr at the piano, sang "Ye Now Are Sorrowful," Brahms, with Melinda Kasslar of Earlham, soloist; and "Turn Back Oh Man," by Holst.

Dougles V. Steere, T. Wistar Brown Professor of Philosophy at Haverford College, gave the fifth Isaac T. and Lida K. Johnson Lecture, "Rain on the Mountain."

An innkeeper in Western Norway once explained that the startling variations in the size of the brook near the village of Bulken depended upon what took place on the mountain. When there was rain on the mountain there was full flow in the valley; when the mountain was dry there was very little water in the valley brook. With this vivid image, Douglas Steere called the Society of Friends to renewal which will bring torrents in the valley. The rain is what it has always been: a first-hand experience of the operative power of God actively guiding our lives. This kind of renewal comes not from the form of worship or theology or organization, but takes place far upstream in the mountains, in the interior experience of a person.

First, the interior life of sanctity is hidden and obvious, but, like the ancient strata of the Grand Canyon, is open and expendable. The seasoned man of God seems able to deal with all that he meets as though everything mattered. Second, the man of sanctity never seems to be spared from trouble, but only to look at trouble through different eyes. Third is his willingness to take life as it comes instead of defending himself against those who attack him, to disclose his gifts for joining the staff of the prosecuting attorney who is proceeding against him.

Finally, the interior life is marked by prayer: no prayer, no interior life. We have no record of a saint who did not pray, or of real growth in the interior life that is not marked by this inner attention to God. (*Printed copies are available.*)

MONDAY, JULY 18, 9:40 A.M.

The presiding clerk read Matthew 11:2-6 and Luke 4:17-21, following which minutes from the Saturday and Sunday sessions were read and approved.

30. The Nominating Committee brought in a partial report which was approved and appointments made as follows:

USHERS — Robert Beck, Ernest Thompson, James Vaughan.

PAGES—Keith Kirk, Ronald Williams, Beverly Brown, Helen Hinshaw, Richard Parsons.

31. Attention was called to microphones, available for use on the floor if needed. The clerk explained that although there may seem to be little opportunity given for discussion of business on the floor, referred matters are considered more fully by the representatives.

32. The Friends World Committee was presented briefly by James F. Walker, Secretary of the American Section of the Committee, who said that consultation and communication are their major functions. He announced two outstanding meetings to be held in 1961: the Third National Conference on Race Relations, and the Eighth Session of the Friends World Committee, to be held at Kaimosi, Kenya. Yearly Meetings were urged to see that they are represented there.

33. In the hour devoted to outreach services through the Board of Missions and the United Society of Friends Women, George Scherer, Administrative Secretary of the Board, introduced several people, who spoke briefly.

Ruth Castle, president of USFW, gave a brief account of the development of the organization and its work. Friends are present here who have come with their message from places where once we were only the "sending" group but are now receiving, too; and they will increasingly be ministering to us.

Juan Sierra, Superintendent of Cuba Yearly Meeting, expressed the concern of Cuban Friends over war conditions in their country. Positive work in love is required, demanding strength, sacrifice and unity. As Christians and as Friends we must join together and work with all our strength for the Kingdom of God, and for justice, love and peace. He asked our prayers and support.

Leah Lung'aho sang in her own language one verse of "In Christ There Is No East Or West," and expressed her appreciation for the opportunity of being here. Coming from a rapidly changing country, she spoke of the need for education and of the part women are taking in East Africa in places of leadership.

Daisy McFarlane, on her way from Jamaica to study in Canada expressed appreciation for help given to Jamaican Friends, and in particular for the opportunity she had last summer to visit, along with other young Friends, in the United States. One of the needs in Jamaica is for education, especially technical. The important thing now is to give help not as a dole, but to help Jamaicans help themselves. Leaders who come need zeal, a sense of humor, and understanding.

A. Ward Applegate, who visited Near East Yearly Meeting recently, emphasized that Jordan is a part of the Arab, primarily Moslem, world. Through the schools and meeting at Ramallah, Friends have made contributions in the Christian witness. Tolerance in the sense of flexibility and ability to bend and give is vital, for in the Moslem world to turn to Christianity is to be ostracized from the Moslem community.

Lucille Pickard, coming from Friends' work at Council House in Oklahoma, pictured how help coming from Friends organizations and from local meetings and individuals makes possible the work there. Sunday meetings, the four-centers' camp for children, and vacation Bible schools all show growth. More Indians are taking responsibility. In the forward look, it seems clear that the work should continue and possibly expand.

Margaret Yates from eastern Tennessee brought the thanks of Friends there for help given them. Standards of living set by Friends have raised the standards of others in the surrounding area. Women are taking more responsibility, making their homes more attractive, and keeping their children in school.

Elmore Jackson spoke on the Quaker Program at the United Nations, where Friends from overseas join the Quaker Team each year. One activity in which Friends participate at the UN is the Seminars. One of the big questions to be faced is what kind of international organization the UN is to be, in what areas it is to function, and for what purposes.

Ardelle Cope read Agnes Lund's summary of the USFW program for training young women through their memorial scholarship fund; they also hope to put $1000 into the scholarship fund of the Board on Training for Christian Vocations this year.

Marie Nickelson reported on Christian service through material things as a means to give hope, vanquish fear, and strengthen faith.

The printed report of the Board of Missions was approved. Attention was also called to the report of the United Society of Friends Women, as printed.

MISSIONS: YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

In the first chapter of Acts the disciples asked the Risen Lord, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He gave those unforgettable words in reply, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall witness unto me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Jesus was saying that you cannot know the future, and you cannot recover the past; but in the present you have a task to do, the power to perform it and a Presence with you as you engage in that task.

In the thirteenth chapter of Hebrews are other words, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." This does not mean that Jesus Christ is static but it means that He is our Eternal Contemporary, the Contemporary of every age. By saying

He is "the same," we mean that He is forever different, for His sameness is always His difference from all others.

I

Let us look at our missionary task of yesterday. A sense of mission permeated the life and thought of early Quakerism. The new Friends movement spread quickly everywhere in the British Isles. However, it did not stay in the British Isles. Before the end of the first ten years the Continent of Europe had felt its stirrings and the New World was within its grasp. By 1661 there were reports of the great work and service of the Lord in Turkey, Jerusalem, China and Prestor John's country. A letter carried by one of these early missionaries was addressed "to all nations under the whole heavens."

These early Quakers had grasped the idea of foreign missions but they were unable to pass their concern on to the next generation. The aggressive evangelization and missionary work that characterized early Friends history was slowed down later to a considerable extent. Friends became more concerned to preserve the testimonies which they had inherited. There was a tendency during this period to magnify silence as a form of worship and almost as an end in itself. The quietist attitude was unsuited for great spiritual building or conquest. But happily Friends during this period continued to be involved in philanthropic labors with a passion for human welfare.

In the eighteenth century Friends kept pretty close to their own Quaker territory. In the nineteenth century the renewal of regular foreign missionary work came partly as a result of the Evangelical movement which swept across the entire nation. Individual Friends began to make visits to missionary work that others had established. These saw the unselfish devotion of missionaries and witnessed the transforming power of the gospel in various peoples in the world and began to encourage Friends to establish missionary work.

Thus Eli and Sybil Jones visited Syria in 1867 and started a mission at Ramallah near Jerusalem. In 1871 Samuel A. Purdy was sent by a Foreign Missionary Society of Indiana Yearly Meeting to Mexico to begin Friends Missionary work there. In 1883 Evi Sharpless started a missionary work in Jamaica which was later sponsored by Iowa Yearly Meeting. In these early stages of foreign mission work each yearly meeting had its own field. The first Quinquennial Conference of Friends in 1892 proposed the establishment of a united board of Missions. Enough yearly meetings agreed to this and the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions was established in 1894. The first new work undertaken by this united board was in Cuba. The Friends Africa Industrial Mission started in 1902 was transferred to the new board in 1907.

Modern Christian missions have been characterized as having experienced three stages. First is the pietistic — the motive being to go out and save souls and if possible save one's own in the process. The next is the humanitarian — its ideal is to make this a better world in which to live. The third is the theological — where the missionary shares the deepest meanings of the Christian faith.

The Christian mission is based on the fact that the peoples of the whole world have need of Jesus Christ. It is prompted by the command of Christ Himself. Times and motives vary. Sometimes the motive is philanthropic. Sometimes missions are regarded as being a civilizing force. Some of these motives are clearly inadequate for our time.

Our early missionaries were given no instructions by a board as to what kind of results they were to expect and how they were to organize the people. They started with the situations they found. They preached the Gospel. They lived Christianity. They gave people the Bible. They did all this on a personal level. When there were sufficient new Christians they organized them in groups. The giving up of idolatry and superstitious practices and vice, the keeping of the Sabbath, attendance at Worship and other evidences of a changed life were made tests for membership. They succeeded in binding a very considerable number of people of all ages and every variety of social background into a unity of devotion. As fast as circumstances allowed, all the institutions and usages of America were introduced: regular Sabbath services, prayer meetings, quarterly meetings, Sunday Schools and the rest. There was a certain directness and simplicity about their conception of their tasks and they were obedient.

II

We have taken a glance at yesterday. Let us now look at today. People are more sophisticated in our day. The situation is more complicated. As a result there is a great change in the Christian world mission.

Those of an earlier day could take a lot for granted. They carried on their work in a world of comparative peace. The Western nations were dominant. There was a stable international system. There was freedom of access to most lands. There was a freedom of program, for they could do almost anything in the name of Jesus Christ, because there was almost nothing being done to alleviate human need or to give hope to the hopeless. They also had the advantage that there was no major rival across the world to Jesus Christ. None of these things can be taken for granted today!

At the time when the United States has become a world power, the world has become a peculiarly inhospitable place for a world power. At the time of Christianity's greatest extension and its deepest penetration, it is being most challenged. This is a time of uncertainty and hesitation. This is partly prompted by intellectual doubts, partly distrust of ourselves, partly by feelings of uneasiness over the break-up of once familiar patterns.

The missionary task has often been idealized and sentimentalized and romanticized out of all recognition. This phase is past. Today missions face hard facts which are difficult to live with.

There are worldwide social maladjustments and political revolutions. We know that in our generation man has the power to destroy himself. There is the factor of nationalism and even religious nationalism. There is the antagonistic attitude toward the West. There are the factors of the secular approach of the welfare state, of technical assistance. We as Christians rejoice at every answer to the prayer for "daily bread." But at the same time we insist that "men shall not live by bread alone."

There is the factor of the "population explosion." The figures depend on whose speech you heard last or the book you read last. In 1830 there were about a billion people in the world, in 1930 two billions, in 1980 there will be four billions, the year 2000 seven billions of people. If it is not one sort of explosion in our time—the nuclear, apparently it is another—the population explosion, both possible and with dire consequences.

The missionary and the missionary movement cannot know these factors and pass by on the other side. These new conditions under which the missionary works today were given at the Ghana Missionary Conference in 1958. First of all: "limitation." He cannot do all the things he once did. The next was "loss of directness." Missionary work used to be a much more personal affair. It is more difficult now. Finally there was "the endangered image." We used to think we knew what a missionary was like, what he was supposed to do. The image is blurred now, at least in many parts of the world. All these things deeply affect the missionary. They deeply concern mission boards, they deeply involve every earnest Christian and every Christian church.

III

Let us look now to tomorrow, if that be possible. What are the opportunities that are before us? How do we make use of what has already been done? How do we build for the future? We are encouraged by the words that "Jesus Christ is the same." He is the same but new for each generation.

Oxford University is being reconstructed. When the buildings were built those who built them doubtless thought they were building permanently. But in many of them now you can just poke your finger in a wall and it pulverizes at your touch. They are rebuilding them now. They find very few masons who are able to do this work. It is very difficult to pull out old stones one by one and put in new solid ones. And this must be done while the colleges go on with their work.

Here is a little parable for the missions of our day. When modern missions had their start, our fathers thought the methods and techniques they used would last forever. They have not. It is very difficult and requires great skill to develop new methods. And the missionary task has to go on in the process. That is about where we are.

But we live in an age of recovery. Ours is the age of the recovery of the Christian message, "that God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." Ours is an age of the recovery of the sense of the Church and its true nature. It is an age of recovery of Missions, which is none other than the whole church taking the whole Gospel to the whole of man and the whole of society, throughout the whole world. An age of recovery and not a moment too soon!

The missionary is taking his situation seriously. He is asking: "What do we do?" "Why are we here?" "Are we really needed?" "Could someone else do better?" It's refreshing and proper that these questions be raised. This is the way God gives new insights.

It is no longer enough simply to have a lot of determination to be a good missionary. There is the story of the little girl who said, "I wish I could have lived in the age of the Crusaders because I believe in God and like to travel." That is not good enough.

Neither is it enough to give somebody a little encouragement, a pat on the back. In a concentration camp in Malaya during World War II, there was a barber who helped morale when he came around to shave the men. The Japanese guard did not allow any conversation except one of instruction in his profession. "Chin up, chin up." Though a great boost for their morale, it is not enough in our situation.

Nor will pious advice suffice in some of the difficult, real-life situations in which missionaries find themselves. If we give pious advice, the missionary will reply in the words of Job: "I also could speak as you do if you were in my place."

Our dedication must be renewed. It could be put this way: "Go!" "Come over into Macedonia and help us!" "Woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel of Christ!"

The missionary role is to be a partner. He is there to serve alongside those who are native to the land. He is there to develop a Christian community capable of governing and sustaining life, understanding at the same time the obligations imposed upon it by the very nature of the Gospel.

If the missionary image has been "blurred," it is taking on a new shape. The renewed shape of the missionary task is the image of the cross. In his rejection the missionary finds his meaning. He is saving his life by losing it in Christian witness to a distraught world.

The board is taking this seriously. It is trying to readjust its program. The board has the source of power, personnel and funds but more and more the decisions rightfully belong to the nationals who are doing the evangelism. There is the temptation to "throw our weight around." Perhaps the most severe test of our spiritual maturity and administrative skill is the demand to use increasing power in such a way as to relinquish power.

It is time for new attitudes. It is time to address ourselves to an unfinished task. It is important that we avoid being doctrinaire in the situation and apply everything to all places over the whole world. We must understand that we are engaged in a part of God's mission; part of the Mission of Jesus Christ; part of the Mission of the Holy Spirit. Perhaps this is best expressed in Herbert Butterfield's words, "Cling to Jesus Christ and for the rest be entirely uncommitted."

—American Friends Board of Missions,
George A. Scherer, Administrative Secretary

AMERICAN FRIENDS BOARD OF MISSIONS

RECEIPTS	1955-1956	1956 (9 Months)
United Budget	$ 50,195.06	$ 62,376.21
Direct Contributions	22,105.95	35,699.77
Interest	4,818.83	3,117.96
Refunds	336.95	169.26
Income on Paid-Up Pensions	2,440.20	1,830.15
Received on Indebtedness		330.00
Borrowed	32,500.00	
Transmissions	3.00	
Total	$112,399.99	$103,523.35

EXPENDITURES		
Africa	$ 35,708.52	$ 44,261.70
Cuba	4,832.68	4,420.99
Jamaica	15,233.70	9,468.94
Mexico	96.00	72.00
Ramallah	8,857.90	10,145.77
Tennessee	6,396.63	3,954.82
Western Indians	2,500.00	1,775.00
Administration & Education	21,871.97	13,755.00
Emergency	6,156.60	2,974.97
Pension & Social Security	3,265.18	3,271.13
Retirement Pensions	3,904.32	2,781.71
Insurance on Property	500.00	375.00
Conference for Outgoing Miss.	1,053.55	738.66
Cooperatives	1,843.25	315.00
Transmissions		3.00
Paid on Back Indebtedness		3,000.00
Advanced on Notes for Miss. Edu.		
Total	$112,220.30	$101,313.69

GENERAL ACCOUNT 1955-1960

1957	1958	1959	TOTAL
$ 86,151.77	$ 99,396.44	$105,478.73	$403,598.21
30,663.19	26,186.84	29,196.67	143,852.42
8,331.18	5,374.68	5,795.15	27,437.80
224.85	896.00		1,627.06
2,420.02	2,978.73	3,128.82	12,797.92
734.91			1,064.91
			32,500.00
			3.00
$128,525.92	$134,832.69	$143,599.37	$622,881.32
$ 47,933.48	$ 48,597.53	$ 66,907.77	$243,409.00
5,436.88	6,008.51	8,444.72	29,143.78
12,242.78	13,414.37	16,686.51	67,046.30
96.00	96.00	96.00	456.00
14,951.16	6,464.88	7,696.80	48,116.51
4,331.21	4,669.26	4,791.37	24,143.29
1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	8,775.00
19,050.79	15,968.88	17,386.46	88,033.10
1,764.99	3,908.00	3,633.16	18,437.72
4,352.67	4,046.02	5,399.18	20,334.18
3,580.21	3,982.73	3,986.05	18,235.02
500.00	500.00	500.00	2,375.00
	557.67	560.86	2,910.74
2,148.92	1,749.87	1,388.74	7,445.78
	197.07		200.07
12,010.00	7,490.00	15,356.81	37,856.81
		595.50	595.50
$129,899.09	$119,150.79	$154,929.93	$617,513.80

REPORT OF THE UNITED SOCIETY OF FRIENDS WOMEN

Since the 1955 sessions of the Five Years Meeting two important events have greatly inspired the interest and enthusiasm of the women of the United Society of Friends Women: - the two National Conferences held at Wilmington, Ohio, and High Point, North Carolina. These times of Christian fellowship and studying together have helped to carry out the real purpose of the organization: "to enlist and to unite all Friends women in Christian fellowship and service and to share in the mission of the Church at home and abroad."

Realizing that this service must include all areas of Christian work, a special emphasis has been placed upon Prayer-at-Nine to keep us ever aware of the real source of our power. As we are linked together in prayer, so are we linked together in work through our programs which are planned each year, the missionary work to coincide with that of the International Council, of which we are a part. The books for the Reading Course are chosen annually to include information on Stewardship, and Peace and Social Concerns, as well as Home and Foreign Missions, and books for Youth and Children. Pertinent information comes each month through the FRIENDS MISSIONARY ADVOCATE, which has become even more interesting through the use of many pictures.

It is often very difficult to know what projects need our help most. During the last five years the annual giving through the United Society for all projects, - local, Yearly Meeting, and National, - has ranged from $106,000 to $123,000. This includes the California and Kansas missionary projects. On the national level the giving has embraced salaries of missionaries in Africa, Cuba, Ramallah, Jamaica, Tennessee, and Oklahoma; remodeling of buildings and supplying furnishings for other buildings on the fields; funds for building a Domestic Science cottage, a T.B. hospital, and a dormitory for African nurses in training in Africa. Just now, as we have heard of the serious need for a new hospital in Kenya, we are starting a fund for that. Means of transportation are a necessity on every field. Hence we have supplied funds for conveyances in several areas: Cuba, Ramallah, and an ambulance for Africa. Besides these, many smaller projects have been completed, such as bedding and linens for various areas.

As we realize that an organization is only as strong as its home base, so we see the need of strong leadership. For that reason we are expending some of our resources for scholarships, through our own Scholarship Fund, through the Board on Christian Vocations, through the Girls' School and the Laubach Literacy Fund in Ramallah, and through scholarship aid for young Friends in Cuba. We have taught the Africans how to read, now we are supplying funds for reading materials in their vernacular. Because of the great need for a Friends Center in Kingston, Jamaica, funds are being made available for a qualified person for that field.

We believe in the United Nations as one of our best efforts toward peace in the world, so we are happy to help the Quaker team there to set up seminars, that all may become acquainted with the great work of the United Nations.

It is indeed a great pleasure to be able to help in many areas which were not pre-planned. For example, when the Maternity building burned in Lugulu, valuable medical equipment was lost, some of which we were able to replace. When Dr. Wilbur Beeson acquired medicine amounting in value to $25,000 for the Friends Mission in Africa, the United Society of Friends Women paid a large part of the transportation cost, - the only cost involved. We like to feel that we are a part of the Daily Vacation Bible School and the youth camp in Oklahoma, for without sufficient funds these might not be made available.

Although the material needs are important, they can not best be accomplished unless they are done in the Spirit of the Christ. Therefore our objectives urge us to deepen our own spiritual lives, that our homes may be centers of Christianity. As we work in that spirit for the United Society of Friends Women, the Christian influence will be felt in the Meeting, the community, and out into the world.

Ruth Castle, President

Warm appreciation was expressed for the flowers that are being provided each day by a committee of Richmond women of whom Cecelia Jenkins is the chairman.

MONDAY, JULY 18, 11:40 A.M.

34. In the devotional period, T. Eugene Coffin asked that we sing together "Spirit of the Living God." He read John 15:1-8, on the vine and branches, and led our thinking on the barrenness of mere busy-ness as over against the fruitfulness of oneness in Jesus Christ.

Our busy-ness may be because we are serving the wrong master, serving too many masters, or trying to avoid the right master. But as Matthew 6:24 tells us, "No man can serve two masters." Singleness of mind and heart, which is true simplicity, is essential. We become bound together in a fellowship of humility; our activity becomes simplified in doing one thing in holy obedience - living our lives from the center out.

MONDAY, JULY 18, 1:45 P.M.

Greetings from Brisbane Friends Meeting in Australia were conveyed from Joseph F. Brown by his daughter, Freda Cooper, a fraternal representative at these sessions, and visiting Friends were welcomed.

35. Landrum Bolling, speaking on the general theme of Quaker Outreach, said that our Quakerism must be vigorous, alert, alive, out-giving and out-going. Our present outreach is along several lines - respect for human personalities and service, provision for education, reaching some of the religiously displaced persons, the normal outreach through missions done in a modest way, influence on other denominations on certain social concerns and especially in our concept of the lay ministry. But in spite of this, our outreach is limited because we are not sure who we are or what our message is; we are too often incredibly vain about our past history; and though proud, we are not committed.

Our lack of commitment is shown through our not having taken seriously enough the need to clarify our message; through holding back in carrying the message to others; through not having sufficiently trained those who are carrying responsibility in the ministry; through not having caught sufficiently the need to change the world in its lack of spiritual power. Our Quakerism needs to experience new life and power, but neither social concerns nor a central Christian message is enough, alone. If we approach our outreach activities in the full knowledge and experience of a loving, Divine spirit working within us, there is no limit to what we can do.

MONDAY, JULY 18, 4:10 P.M.

MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES

R-10. Following a period of worship, Merritt Murphy presented the recommendation concerning *The American Friend* and *Quaker Action* which had been referred from the Five Years Meeting (see Minute 9).

After full discussion, it was approved to recommend to the Five Years Meeting that there be a combined publication. Details as to subscription, promotion and related matters were left with the Publication Board and The American Friend Council.

R-11. A recommendation of the Executive Council with reference to composition of the new Board on Stewardship and Finance was presented. With the explanation that this referred only to Yearly Meeting representation and did not affect the recommendation concerning members-at-large, this was approved to be referred to the Five Years Meeting.

R-12. The Executive Council's recommendation concerning the assessment budget rate was discussed. Question was raised whether this refers only to active members. Reply was made that assessment would be determined as at present - on the basis of *all* members reported to the yearly meeting in the statistical record.

The recommendation was approved to be referred to the Five Years Meeting.

R-13. From Executive Council the recommendation was brought for holding Triennial Sessions, and an estimate of cost was submitted. After thorough discussion, it was heartily approved to present the recommendation to the Five Years Meeting; also to recommend that the next session be held in 1963.

R-14. The Executive Council's recommendation to discontinue the Committee on a Home for Older Friends was discussed and approved.

R-15. A partial report of the Nominating Committee was read, to be referred to the Five Years Meeting (see Minute 52).

MONDAY, JULY 18, 8:00 P.M.

36. In opening the evening session, James Coney led in singing, "In Christ There Is No East Or West," and the prayer hymn, "Breathe On Me, Breath of God.'

Lewis M. Hoskins, chairman of the evening, introduced Oralia de Gonzales of Mexico. With Helen Ford as interpreter, she expressed her deep concern that Friends of the Five Years Meeting maintain close contact with Friends in Mexico. There is a monthly meeting; early morning prayer meetings are held; a Sunday school is active; and there are young people and children who are the hope of the future. But there is almost no literature in their own language for their Christian education. Just now they are gathering funds in the hope of sending someone to Africa next year.

37. Members of the panel on "Africa Today and Tomorrow" were introduced by Lewis Hoskins: Dr. Wilbur Beeson, former medical missionary in Kaimosi; James Thorp, specialist in soils; Fred Reeve, Administrative Secretary of the Mission; Landrum Bolling, President of Earlham College, educator and political scientist; and Solomon Adagala, educator and school administrator, member of East Africa Yearly Meeting.

James Thorp pointed out on a large map of Africa the geographical divisions and natural resources in them. Landrum Bolling emphasized that political development has been very irregular, with several countries already having attained their independence and Kenya pressing for it. Fred Reeve said that Kenya's people, including the Friends, are spilling over into the cities of Kenya, and into Tanganyika and other parts of Africa; and the Friends are taking their churches and schools with them. Wilbur Beeson said that though there is enough food in Africa to go around, it is not always nutritionally the best, and some diseases result from this lack. Malaria is prevalent, as are the tropical diseases; and the people of Africa also fall prey to diseases which we have had and forgotten. The new hospital building will help combat some of the problems of disease. Solomon Adagala filled in spots that had been missed, then talked of recent developments in strife-torn Congo. If the right steps are not taken at the right time, Kenya, too, could be torn by similar violence and upheaval.

Some problems yet to be solved: working out a franchise system, training leaders, preparing the people of Kenya to accept a multi-racial system, development of some scientifically trained African leaders in agriculture, accumulating and building up capital. The ICA project, being carried out in cooperation with Earlham College, was spoken of; it was mentioned that a day high school is being established at Chavakali as part of this effort, which will combine vocational and general education.

Kenya is in great need of a university of its own, James Thorp said, where young people can learn to become good scientists, technicians, agriculturists and even politicians. Solomon Adagala encouraged Friends to help bring young people to America to study, in Friends schools and colleges, and to assist in creating a university at Kaimosi.

Fred Reeve stressed that the biggest thing we have to do is to bring to the people the redemptive power of God. We do damage to the people to bring these other things if they are not based on what we have gone there to do. In closing, Lewis Hoskins said that if God leads us, if we are in His will, sublimating our instincts, wishes and prejudices to Him, we can indeed share with Friends of East Africa.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 9:40 A.M.

38. The meeting gathered in a period of worship. Levinus Painter asked that we hold in prayer the family of Mable B. Willson, Clerk of Canadian Yearly Meeting, whose husband was killed in a plane accident yesterday. The Clerk led in prayer.

It was approved that a message of sympathy be sent to Mable Willson and her family.

Minutes of the previous day's morning and afternoon sessions were read and approved.

39. Recommendations were brought from the representatives and action taken as follows:

(1) That *The American Friend* and *Quaker Action* be combined into one strong monthly publication incorporating the inspirational and news features of *The American Friend* and the promotional features of *Quaker Action,* with the use of some color, pictures and human interest stories presented in reader appeal style, to create a publication of general family interest.

This recommendation has been endorsed by *The American Friend* editors, the Editorial Council, the Publication Board, the Executive Committee and the Executive Council, and by the representatives.

It was approved to accept the recommendation.

(2) That only one representative from each yearly meeting be proposed in the organization of the new Board on Stewardship and Finance, in order to cut down on the cost of travel to meetings. (This does not alter the original recommendation for four members-at-large.)

This recommendation was approved.

(3) That the annual assessment rate for yearly meetings be raised to $1.00 per member, instead of 50 cents per member, to be effective by January 1, 1962.

This recommendation was approved.

(4) That the Committee on a Home for Older Friends be discontinued since it seems to be more satisfactory for this project to be considered by the individual yearly meetings and there is considerable activity in that direction already.

This recommendation was approved.

(5) That Triennial Sessions be held. We feel that the more frequent sessions will afford many benefits and that expenses could be cut in some way to make up for the extra expense which might be involved. The interim conferences and workshops could be combined into the sessions to some extent. Perhaps the cost of Executive Council sessions could be cut by having only one representative and one alternate for each yearly meeting appointed to membership on the Council.

We also recommend that the next session of this body be held in the summer of 1963.

This recommendation also came with a long history. At the 1955 session the principle of triennial sessions was approved but the date was set five years in advance.

The total recommendation was approved.

40. The Finance Report and consolidated general balance sheet was called to the attention of the meeting and approved.

The Aged Ministers Fund is included in the Finance Report, an item listed earlier in our program. Four former ministers and missionaries are being aided by the Fund. Most of the supplementary support for these older Friends comes from their yearly meetings. There was no written report.

CONSOLIDATED GENERAL BALANCE SHEET OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS AND ITS BOARDS

as of January 10, 1960

ASSETS

CASH		
Checking Accounts:		
Treas.-Five Years Meeting	$ 76,538.47	
Board of Missions - General	8,749.01	
Board of Missions - Special	86,017.34	
Board of Missions - Investment	8,021.74	
Trustees of Five Years Meeting	10,158.76	
Boulder Friends Loan Fund	843.87	$190,329.19
Savings Accounts		$ 37,965.90
Petty Cash-Friends Book & Supply House	90.00	
" " -American Friends Board of Missions	200.00	290.00
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Friends Book & Supply House		$ 5,639.33
NOTES RECEIVABLE		
Loans-Boulder Friends Loan Fund	$ 2,565.00	
American Friends Board of Missions	917.18	$ 3,482.18
INVENTORY		
Friends Book & Supply House		$ 24,040.00
INVESTED FUNDS		
Real Estate Mortgage Contracts	$131,546.20	
United States Bonds	32,650.38	
Other Bonds	5,968.00	
Other Investments	109,534.31	$279,698.89
TOTAL ASSETS		$541,445.49

LIABILITIES

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE		
Payroll Deductions	$ 128.86	
Study Commission	2,594.34	
Registration Fees for Five Years Meeting Sessions	10.00	$ 2,733.20

ENDOWMENT & ANNUITY FUNDS

Mission Board Endowment	$ 117,179.75	
Mission Board Annuity Fund	22,744.91	
Mission Board General Investment Fund	50,761.34	
Mission Board Insurance Reserve	10,473.11	
Board of Education Endowment Account	10,579.05	
Friends Publication Board Endowment Account	545.00	
Women's Missionary Union Endowment Account	1,226.54	
Isaac Johnson Memorial Fund	3,000.00	
Aged Ministers Endowment Account	9,508.53	
Anna E. Robinson Memorial Fund	26,614.29	
Quaker Hill Property Endowment Account	38,563.19	
Boulder Friends Loan Fund	5,776.32	$296,972.03

OTHER FUND BALANCES

Library Fund - Trustees	$ 1,056.04	
Escrow Payments - Trustees	7.20	
Mission Board - Special Funds	86,506.13	
Quaker Hill	144.19	
Fiduciary Corporation	591.81	
Equipment & Depreciation	2,724.41	
1960 Five Years Meeting Sessions	8,277.40	
Building Amortization	1,950.06	
Blacktopping Parking Lot & Road	2,398.26	
Church Vocations Scholarship Fund	559.53	
Youth Department	754.54	
Travel Pool for Five Years Meeting, 1960	700.00	
Reserve for Loss on Notes Receivable - Mission Board	917.18	
Contingency Fund - Trustees	8,721.58	$115,308.33

UNDISTRIBUTED INCOME ACCOUNTS

American Friends Board of Missions	$ 4,895.16	
Board of Education Endowment Account	4,218.47	
Isaac Johnson Memorial Fund	581.75	
Quaker Hill Property Endowment Account	4,003.15	$ 13,698.53

ACCUMULATED SURPLUS ACCOUNTS

Mission Board	$ 8,949.01	
Friends Book & Supply House	43,345.67	
The American Friend	1,258.76	
United Budget of The Five Years Meeting	59,179.96	$112,733.40
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		$541,445.49

CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE

RECEIPTS	1955-1956	1956 (9 months)
Yearly Meeting Assessment	$ 26,568.76	$ 19,150.95
United Budget	129,927.63	152,911.94
Interest Received	152.98	134.94
Sales, Subscriptions, Advertising	71,311.85	55,449.08
Rent from Central Offices	5,392.00	4,044.15
Rec'd. on Notes & Loans	100.00	600.00
Rooms, Meals, Rent	5,060.13	4,474.52
Miscellaneous Income	13,382.77	4,756.08
Total Receipts	$251,896.12	$241,521.66
EXPENDITURES		
Missions	$112,833.66	$101,593.17
Christian Education	20,545.14	14,830.05
Administration		
Central Offices	9,740.91	7,296.11
Receptionist	1,896.65	1,864.62
Cooperative Fund	3,840.26	2,935.42
Audit	50.00	
Treasurers & Bookkeepers Bonds	17.50	17.50
Central Building	8,461.23	6,698.19
Promotion	6,554.89	7,588.68
Evangelism & Ministerial Training	6,618.91	1,526.79
Quaker Action	7,066.75	5,092.33
Pension Committee	1,469.44	1,230.40
Aged Ministers & Missionaries	955.00	711.68
Peace & Social Concerns	10,739.47	6,059.32
Executive Council	1,338.62	1,268.61
American Friend Subsidy	2,250.00	1,750.00
Quaker Hill Subsidy	2,000.00	1,500.00
National Council of Churches	475.00	475.00
World Council of Churches	375.00	375.00
Library	33.47	21.76
Fiduciary Corporation	96.93	
1955 Five Years Meeting Sessions	6,877.93	2,800.00
Committee on Reorganization	51.90	
Mortgage Interest	652.86	
Special Project	315.11	
Quaker Hill	7,741.10	5,748.24
Reserve		1,039.00

FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 1955 TO JANUARY 10, 1960

1957	1958	1959	Total
$ 33,115.00	$ 33,995.25	$ 34,924.75	$147.754.71
187,628.48	196,659.13	215,842.36	882,969.54
272.06	320.39	501.09	1,381.46
76,414.84	83,021.45	81,119.31	367,316.53
5,408.75			14,844.90
900.00	300.00		1,900.00
5,365.98	4,480.24	4,189.10	23,569.97
8,939.08	4,300.00	7,271.39	38,649.32
$318,044.19	$323,076.46	$343,848.00	$1,478,386.43
$130,506.65	$108,168.12	$135,848.80	$588,950.40
22,430.63	22,302.11	24,589.54	104,697.47
	24,191.69	23,124.56	47,316.25
13,301.58			30,338.60
			3,761.27
4,970.66			11,746.34
200.00			250.00
17.50			52.50
11,666.16	9,951.28	9,433.80	46,210.66
9,062.95	9,052.06	11,533.49	43,792.07
2,097.61	920.99	1,513.91	12,678.21
7,266.09	7,169.73	7,475.57	34,070.47
1,643.54	1,625.04	960.53	6,928.95
920.04	885.04	925.00	4,396.76
6,483.94	8,689.35	9,477.17	41,449.25
2,514.47	2,845.68	2,775.00	10,742.38
3,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	12,000.00
1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	8,900.00
475.00	475.00	475.00	2,375.00
425.00	425.00	425.00	2,025.00
592.76	157.70	53.29	858.98
			96.93
			9,677.93
			51.90
			652.86
			315.11
6,926.19	7,123.39	6,623.57	34,162.49
514.46		1,405.66	2,959.12

CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

EXPENDITURES	1955-1956	1956 (9 months)
Quaker Men	128.57	
Men's Movement	279.68	
General Fund	1,721.31	
Boulder Friends Loan Fund	100.00	100.00
Asst. Budget Contingency		25.00
Racial Integration Institute		50.00
Friends Book & Supply House	64,518.00	51,080.24
American Friend	12,738.89	10,369.17
TOTAL	$292,484.18	$234,046.28
Net Loss	$ 40,588.06	
Net Revenue		$ 7,475.38

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES FOR FIVE YEAR PERIOD

	Five Years Meeting	Friends Book & Supply House	American Friend	Board on Christian Education
Support Aged Ministers & Missionaries	$ 4,396.76	$	$	$
Salaries	88,272.12	48,920.89	24,480.30	75,875.5
Travel, Comm. Mtgs., Conferences	19,128.75	2,222.02		12,771.7
Rent, Insurance, Utilities & Fuel	24,369.23	3,406.94	1,556.86	2,515.1
Printing, Postage, Office Expense & Equipment	59,133.40	23,264.22	43,077.21	8,771.8
1955 Five Years Meeting	9,677.93			
Cost of Sales & Publications		222,456.99		
American Friend & Quaker Hill Subsidy	20,900.00			
Food, Laundry, Equipment & Supplies	807.85			
Notes, Loans, Interest	652.86			
Contributions	4,450.00	130.29		2,735.1
General Repairs & Upkeep	4,058.01	1,200.00		
Miscellaneous Expense	1,370.73		17.94	636.5
Mission Board	588,950.42			
Social Security	1,481.03	793.69	450.81	1,249.4
Literature			45.33	142.0
TOTAL	$827,649.09	$302,395.04	$ 69,628.45	$104,697.4

OR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 1955 TO JANUARY 10, 1960 (Continued)

1957	1958	1959	Total
			128.57
			279.68
			1,721.31
850.00	450.00		1,500.00
767.10			792.10
			50.00
63,166.57	62,811.01	60,819.22	302,395.04
16,099.57	15,246.99	15,173.83	69,628.45
$307,698.47	$286,790.18	$316,932.94	$1,437,952.05
$ 10,345.72	$ 36,286.28	$ 26,915.06	$ 40,434.38

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES FOR FIVE YEAR PERIOD

Peace & Soc. Concerns	Evangelism & Ministerial Training	Quaker Hill	Boulder Friends Loan Fund	Promotion	Total
	$	$	$	$	$ 4,396.76
25,404.03	6,445.00	14,506.81		24,427.25	308,331.99
7,670.48	4,888.65	59.88		5,848.86	52,590.38
954.32	962.57	5,317.90			39,082.93
3,648.83	298.05	102.52		6,782.35	145,078.41
					9,677.93
					222,456.99
					20,900.00
		10,295.35			11,103.20
			1,500.00		2,152.86
1,800.00				375.00	9,490.46
		3,108.43			8,366.44
354.57	7.20	171.68		3,880.26	6,438.90
					588,950.42
417.61	6.78	599.92		567.41	5,566.73
1,199.41	69.94			1,910.94	3,367.65
41,449.25	$ 12,678.19	$ 34,162.49	$ 1,500.00	$ 43,792.07	$1,437,952.05

41. The Stewardship and Finance Comittee report was introduced by the chairman, Edward Nusbaum. Five years ago decision was made to employ a Secretary for this Committee, and Leonard Hall served in that capacity for four years. Since he left for other work, Milton Hadley has given part time service. In a graphic chart, attention was called to the doubling of total giving from 1949 to 1959, most of that in the last five years. "We still have a long way to go; we are still falling short at a crossroads; we are still . . . ."

The report as printed was approved.

Milton Hadley used a loaf of bread to dramatize our giving - a 24¢ loaf of 24 slices represents our average per capita giving of about one cent a day. Even part of a slice more would make possible such additional services as: (1) increase in field work; (2) more curriculum material, particularly for young people; (3) additional workcamps for young Friends; (4) subsidy for the new combination monthly publication; (5) more leaflets setting forth Friends' beliefs on key issues; (6) necessary furloughs for missionaries sent out in 1957 at the peak of highest income and replacement for them on the field; and so on. Time, talents and treasure - all these we must give if we would grow as persons, as meetings, and as a Society of Friends.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

In 1955 the Five Years Meeting made provision for the Committee on Stewardship and Finance to have a paid Secretary. He was expected to have functions within the central offices and also to spend much time in field work. (See Minutes, pages 23, 114) Shortly after the sessions, Leonard R. Hall was asked to transfer his work from the Board on Christian Education, of which he was paid Secretary, to the new Committee. This report deals with the work of Leonard Hall.

In the beginning it was necessary to learn the functions and seek out those opportunities which should be filled. Within the office, annual requests or askings of the Boards were learned, careful estimates made of routine needs and the annual budget formulated. Always the needs had to be pared "to the bone" to be within the expected giving of Friends. (Thus in 1959 needs and requests were $90,000 more than the budget, $120,000 more than actual receipts. In 1960 to get a "Basic Budget" for 1961 the askings were cut $125,000, largely because the requests from our mission field so far outrun our willingness to give).

Regular monthly reports on income and expenditures were instituted, circulating to all personnel involved. A concerted attempt was made to bring all of our bookkeeping together. Previously the Mission Board, American Friend, Publication Board and the United Services budget each maintained separate bookkeeping and banking accounts. To date, all are integrated except the Mission Board's accounts.

Another task was to promote giving to the United Services of the Five Years Meeting. To assist in this task, displays were prepared, presentations were planned for yearly meeting sessions, usually in connection with individuals or a panel of local people. Two sets of leaflets were developed; one: "Where Do Our United Services Dollars Go?" was superseded by "A Preview of Our 1960 United Services" and the other: "Our Meeting Can Do This" has gone through two printings. To promote stewardship, R. Ernest Lamb prepared "Time, Talent, Treasure," while the central office staff joined in preparing "What Is Quaker Stewardship?" Articles have been prepared for *Quaker Action* and *The American Friend.*

Literature from The National Council of Churches has been very helpful. This has included a number of little leaflets which were given to meetings which agreed to use them. Ministers and correspondents have been given an excellent annual booklet: "Stewardship Facts."

Another important part of the work has been assistance to local meetings with their meeting programs, budgets and giving. In some instances direct help has been given in special fund-raising projects. Three kinds of materials were prepared: a meeting program builder, an every member canvass manual, and suggestions for flip charts. Where special campaigns were conducted, attractive brochures were printed. The Every Member Canvass Manual has proven unusually popular. During one year, after an initial production of 500 copies, it was necessary to mimeograph some 800 additional ones to supply the demand. With this Manual, "Guideposts For All Canvassers" has been used in large numbers.

For some meetings, guidance was given through one or more visits to set up programs and goals, then plan the canvass, train the canvassers and finally to furnish guidance during the canvass. In some larger meetings, such as First Friends in Marion, Indiana, and at New Garden in North Carolina, the Secretary was out of the office for some weeks giving personal direction to campaigns.

The Committee agrees that there are wide open doors for both kinds of help to local meetings. Also we envision the possibility of area or quarterly meeting groups of key financial people in the local meetings gathering to be trained in the above techniques and in turn training others. Hence we believe the Five Years Meeting should follow the path pioneered by Leonard Hall and have a full-time person in this field, especially charged to assist local meetings with their financial programs. We do hope to provide some help through our Workshops at the sessions of the Five Years Meeting, and we are making serious efforts to locate just the right person for this work.

Edward Nusbaum, Chairman
Milton Hadley, Acting Secretary

With Max Carr at the piano, Robert Rumsey led in singing "God of Grace and God of Glory.'

42. Clark Ellis, president of Quaker Men, spoke on their work. Stewardship and the resultant spiritual benefit to the whole meeting has been experienced at Xenia Meeting, as one example, and a new meetinghouse gives practical evidence of some of the results. Emphasis on stewardship, personal commitment for strengthening and building the meeting, and the challenge to Quaker men to go further are the organization's primary message.

The report as it appears in the minutes was approved.

REPORT OF NATIONAL QUAKER MEN - 1960

Since the Five Years Meeting of 1955, the National Quaker Men organization has undergone two changes in administration. As reported then, during the Five Years Meeting sessions of 1950 the National group was founded with Glenn Switzer of California Yearly Meeting as president. The first National Conference was at East Whittier, California in 1954.

The second National Conference was held in October, 1956 at Camp Miami of the E.U.B. Church at Germantown, Ohio, with the Quaker Men of Wilmington Yearly Meeting as hosts. (The United

Society of Friends Women met at Wilmington, Ohio at the same time). This conference was in the nature of a "retreat" with plenty of opportunities for after-session discussions, which other types of arrangements do not permit. The retiring president served as an inspiration as to what Quaker Men can do. Objectives adopted included:

1. Organize Quaker Men's units in all Local Meetings.

2. Recommend appointment of a Quaker college representative in each local meeting, helping to increase interest and support for our Quaker educational institutions. This was outgrowth of a panel discussion by several people in higher education, including Thomas Jones and Samuel Marble.

3. Be concerned and alert to opportunities to aid individuals in training for Christian service, to give assistance and encouragement, including guidance, counsel and finances, for improving training opportunities for present pastors and leaders, providing financial grants and released time.

4. An action project was adopted in financial support for two years of "a hard-headed midwestern farmer to direct and further agriculture" at the Kenya Friends Mission in East Africa, following Fred Reeve's stirring presentation of the need for such supervision.

Ellis and Sue Adams of Spiceland, Indiana went to Friends Africa Mission in January 1958, he as an agricultural missionary and Sue as music teacher and whatever she might find to do. They have been real Christian examples living among the Africans. Ellis has cleared 200 acres of land for farming. The pastures have been cleared of brush and weeds and are well-fenced. Africans are being trained in operation of simple modern machinery, and in better ways of feeding, caring for and butchering livestock for market. The dairy herd has been improved and the sawmill has been repaired. Ellis has also helped repair roads. His greatest hindrance is developing capital.

Response to the Ellis Adams project was enthusiastic during the first year, with $5,098.41 being contributed. In 1958 contributions fell to $2,590.40 and in 1959 to $1,650.50. The Yearly Meetings contributing most heavily and who met or nearly reached their goal were Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, North Carolina and Western.

Because of this lack of financial support which carried over into the operational budget, further efforts nationally were discontinued with the resignation of Merritt Murphy as part-time Secretary. The actual project went ahead.

Springfield Meeting, North Carolina Yearly Meeting was host to the 3rd National Conference of Quaker Men while the United Society of Friends Women met at High Point, May 2-6, 1959. The North Carolina Quaker Men, with Gene Key as President, David Stanfield, pastor at Springfield, in charge of arrangements, and David Henley as program chairman, did an outstanding job for the more than 100 full-time registrants and the many part-time attenders (total, 197). From this came a valuable recommendation for handling future arrangements.

Faced with a $1,440.97 deficit for the Ellis Adams project, plus a request to continue support through August, 1960 in addition to 1958 and 1959, along with requests of $3,320.74 to cover additional time and equipment, the Conference reaffirmed its belief in the value of the project and agreed to work to bring this to a successful fruition.

"Building Friends' Meetings", the conference theme, was explored in relationship to the objectives of the other conferences and with the addition of concerns of this one. We believe that a healthy Meeting should show evidences of growth, individual participation and involvement, stewardship and personal commitment. Since it is our purpose to help our Meetings achieve this goal, we recommend that Quaker Men everywhere consider the following suggestions:

1. That a thorough study be made of the weaker Meetings, perhaps by the Yearly Meetings, to determine the potential of the Meetings and possible remedial action. One means of carrying through this action might be for larger Meetings to consider their responsibility for the smaller ones both in terms of subsidy and leadership. Another means might be for the Yearly Meetings and/or Quarterly Meetings to consider their responsibility for weaker Meetings, both in terms of leadership and financial support.

2. That Quaker Men offer leadership and other forms of aid in their respective Yearly Meetings for the setting-up of new Meetings and to encourage the Yearly Meetings to accept such responsibilities as this may involve.

3. That Quaker Men endeavor to undergird the monthly meeting in its program; to reinforce the work of the pastor, clerk and/or other leadership and all duly constituted and special committees.

4. That at every opportunity wherever possible, Quaker Men, in groups or individually, at all levels, promote intervisitation as a means of exchanging ideas and adding spiritual strength for all.

A yearly operational budget of $3,000.00 for the National organization was adopted to include a page in "Quaker Action" as well as postage and part-time secretarial help. This is to be apportioned to men of each Yearly Meeting on the basis of total membership of each Yearly Meeting, to be raised as they see fit.

Since the Conference, each member of the executive council has been contacted by mail asking his help in furthering Quaker Men activities in his Yearly Meeting and in sharing in the support of Ellis Adams.

The president visited and spoke to the annual meetings of Quaker Men in North Carolina, Wilmington and Western Yearly Meetings. George Castle spoke at Wilmington Yearly Meeting Quaker Men in 1959 at Leesburg, Ohio.

Oscar Marshburn, 1st Vice President, has agreed to head up the work on the next National Conference. It is hoped that many concerned members may meet during the sessions of Five Years Meeting.

George Castle, 2nd Vice President, has sent an appeal to Quaker Men to quickly meet the financial obligation for Ellis Adams and to promote the strengthening and building of Friends Meetings.

Officers last named were: President, Clark Ellis, M.D., Wilmington Yearly Meeting; 1st Vice President, Oscar Marshburn, California; 2nd Vice President, George Castle, Western; Secretary, Chester Haworth, North Carolina; Treasurer, Jesse Parshall, Indiana. Executive Council: Joseph Wetherald, Baltimore; John Petrie, Canadian; Glenn Switzer, California; Virgil Peacock, Indiana; Bernard White, Iowa; Weston Webb, Nebraska; John Cann, New England; Richard Lane, New York; Lloyd Kemp, North Carolina; Marcus Kendall, Western; Robert Shanks, Wilmington.

Wednesday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m. a discussion group will meet during Five Years Meeting sessions, including National officers and councilmen, along with Yearly Meeting officers attending and concerned Friends. It is hoped that more definite plans, to implement concerns already adopted, can be made; likewise, new ones may be presented.

Saturday evening, July 16, the Quaker Mens' Banquet will be held with D. Elton Trueblood speaking on "The Fulfillment of the Ministry."

Site or time for the next National Conference have not been determined.

Clark Ellis, M.D.,
President

43. The report of the Board on Peace and Social Concerns, as printed, was approved. Samuel R. Levering, Chairman of the Board, spoke to its concerns. It is essential to put these concerns in their setting in the whole gospel of Jesus Christ. Then we can see what we have to say to our world in this moment of tragedy. Our gospel is warmly evangelical, and what we have we must share. This gospel includes practicing the love of God in all relationships - personally, in our nation, and in the world.

Our social concerns spring from our experience of the Christ within. Our testimony is for total abstinence, for example, not only because of what it may do to us, but because we are not willing to allow our habits to influence another to possibly become an alcoholic.

Our peace testimony, as another example, comes out of the profound experience of love which leads us to know that war is evil and inconsistent with the example and teachings of Jesus Christ. This leads us to hold that we will do all we can to do away with war. Events in recent weeks have brought the greatest sense of tragedy and defeat for the time being, but this is no time to throw blame; rather it is a time for sorrow and repentance as a nation.

The road to peace requires the experience of the love of God in our own lives and outreach - our missions, our service through the Service Committee, the spirit expressed in the work of the Friends Committee on National Legislation appealing not on the basis of expediency but rightness. It means wide outpouring and sharing of resources to meet the world's needs. What we really have to offer is faith.

Two actions were called to our attention: (1) statements of concerns on Peace, Race and Capital Punishment have been prepared, which will be referred to the representatives. (2) Friends are called to participate in the Quaker Witness this October - in local observance, October 15-17, and in pilgrimages to Washington and the United Nations, October 23 and 24.

REPORT OF THE BOARD ON PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

During these years there has been a change in personnel with Merton Scott leaving the Board to enter business and Milton Hadley becoming Secretary on Sept. 1st, 1957. Much of the work has continued with little change in emphasis although there has been an increase in the amount of material published.

Basic peace work has been a major concern with efforts to educate all ages in the necessity of peace and the importance of peaceable living as individuals. For mankind to have peace, we believe five things are necessary: essential justice and opportunity for all people everywhere; good-will which includes the "will-to-peace"; exchange of persons, information and goods; disarmament and essential machinery for law and order.

We have sought to educate on the dangers of beverage alcohol, on the harmfulness of tobacco, on the insidious influence of efforts to get something-for-nothing as well as on other trends in the public morals field. There is increased emphasis on the necessity of integrity in our elected officials and legislators.

We have continued to cooperate with the Youth Department of the Board on Christian Education in sponsoring Youth Seminars in Washington and at the U. N. in New York. Interest in these continues to be good and five or six are held each year.

Probably the one phase of our work which has expanded most has been literature. We purchase quantity lots of some books and leaflets printed by others; also we have been printing our own. There have been seven leaflets issued in the series called: "For Friendly Persuasion." There has been only one thus far in the new "Friends Speak" series, with two others in process. We are happy that our publications have had a good reception and all save the two newest leaflets have required reprinting. The study-booklet "Practicing Friends Peace Principles" was prepared in cooperation with North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Also much mimeographed material has been circulated, including single sheets and work and discussion books. In addition to the above, a great many articles have been furnished to both *Quaker Action* and *The American Friend.*

Five to ten years ago much time and thought were given to two phases of work which now receive less emphasis. One is draft counselling where a number of young men have been assisted, but fewer than when more young men were being drafted. The other is Homes For The Retired with the base of concern shifting from our Five Years Meeting Board to various yearly meetings. We have sought to assist these yearly meetings and are glad to note marked progress in four of them toward supplying the need and rendering the service. We believe this responsibility lies primarily with the yearly meeting.

It seems in every field in which we labor there are others at work, so we seek to cooperate with them. This is especially true in connection with: The Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace, the Friends Committee on National Legislation (three extended trips were taken with two of its staff members), the Church Peace Mission, The National Temperance and Prohibition Council, the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, and others. With other Friends we are now actively planning and promoting the Tercentenary of the Declaration of 1660 to the new King Charles II and of the dying Statement of James Nayler. In this observance, "action-projects" on varying levels, from local meeting to Washington and New York, are planned for this October and November.

In addition to methods mentioned above, we have cooperated on training schools, conferences and seminars, occasionally sponsored by our Board, more frequently with joint sponsorship with other groups. Visitation has been used. For instance, between the Board meetings of 1959 and 1960, the Secretary spent 117 days on trips lasting from three days to three weeks, not counting the shorter ones.

We are glad for the increased cooperation among Friends in the areas of concern represented by our Board. With thirty such areas listed, we cannot adequately cover them all and believe it is a healthy development to find special Friends working in their special field of concern. We would give them our encouragement.

Samuel Levering, Chairman
Milton Hadley, Secretary

44. The Friends Committee on National Legislation, one of Friends' agencies of outreach, was reported on by E. Raymond Wilson, Executive Secretary, after introduc-

tion of the Chairman of the General Committee, Charles J. Darlington; Chairman of the Executive Council, Samuel R. Levering; and staff members — Edward F. Snyder, Charles Harker, J. Stuart Innerst on short-term assignment, and Jeanette Hadley. Raymond Wilson spoke of the Committee's major emphasis - disarmament and opposition to militarism. Along with this concern, they also deal with questions of refugees, civil rights and liberties, and other problems. He related incidents in Germany and Japan where people expressed appreciation for work of the Friends, and told of honors paid to Esther Rhoads who for 40 years served in Japan for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. In concluding he said we face heavy responsibilities, and there is great need for Friends' interest, support and activity on important legislative questions.

45. Clarence E. Pickett, Secretary Emeritus of the American Friends Service Comittee, one-time secretary of the Young Friends Board, was introduced; also members of the AFSC Board were presented - Anna Cox Brinton, Vice Chairman of the Board; Delbert E. Replogle, Byron Haworth, and Sumner A. Mills. Colin W. Bell, Executive Secretary, spoke on the attempts of the AFSC to respond to the challenges of today's world in the light of God's eternal appeal to all men. Among its many types of service he mentioned meeting needs of refugees, working in Africa and other parts of the world; workcamps and seminars for young people; monthly seminars in Washington with government officials. There is overwhelming need for more opportunities for communication - in Washington, at the UN, in Geneva, in workcamps overseas, in tension areas in many places. When communication breaks down it vitiates the purposes for which the Committee's activities are undertaken. The Board is in process of re-evaluating its role and seeking to strengthen lines of communication with Friends. We must see the necessity of a shared common experience of the infinite love of God and a shared attempt to express that love in our lives, our work, and our relationships.

The report, submitted for information, follows:

REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

The opportunity to report to Friends is one special way for the American Friends Service Committee to feel close to its spiritual roots. We are glad that many besides Quakers are drawn to work with us, but the steady support and guidance of the Society of Friends is essential as we try to give clear expression to important Christian testimonies beyond the bounds of simple humanitarianism. While we report annually to the twenty Yearly Meetings in the United States and Canada that nominate representatives to the AFSC Corporation, the longer span appropriate here may help to put our efforts in some historical perspective. Here are some of the ways we have tried to respond in Christian love to men's needs:

(1) *Call to Relieve Human Misery.* In a period of rapid social change violence has erupted in many places. The Hungarian refugee crisis evoked a great humanitarian response, with relief shipments swelling to the largest volume in any one month in AFSC's history. Relief programs in Lebanon and Cuba were carried on in direct cooperation with local Quaker groups. Through the AFSC, Friends across the country have undertaken responsibility for settlement of a notable number of refugees. Latest refugee efforts overseas have included a program with a million dollar goal for Algerian refugee relief in Morocco and Tunisia and a new service to Chinese refugees in Hong Kong. A village development project in India and similar social and technical assistance projects in Latin America and the Middle East have emphasized self help as the most satisfactory approach to many problems.

(2) *Need for International Contacts.* As mankind develops the means for global destruction, the understanding that comes from personal association seems to be of ever greater importance. The AFSC has developed informal conferences for younger diplomats and for members of national parliaments. The on-going Quaker program at the United Nations has had the advantage of occasional participation by Friends from Kenya, Lebanon, Japan, and from many parts of the Western world. Quaker visits to the Soviet Union and Poland have been reciprocated as persons from Eastern Europe have participated in AFSC sponsored programs of the West.

(3) *The Urgency of Peace Action.* The basic elements of a democratic society are alert citizens and their voluntary organizations. The AFSC has tried to rally many Americans to work for peace.

Besides the long-established institutions and conferences on international relations, the AFSC has experimented with other methods. For example, a petition campaign opposing continued nuclear weapon tests served as a focus for public discussion, and a dramatic documentary entitled "Which Way The Wind" in a national tour reached audiences in more than fifty major cities around the country with the pacifist message of *Speak Truth to Power.* Special help has been offered to Friends meetings and to other churches in their efforts to educate for peace.

(4) *Challenge of Community Relations.* Recognition of the rights of racial minorities to full participation in American life has been a goal of AFSC community relations work for several years. As rapid changes in both South and North have brought some fearful reaction, the AFSC has tried to counsel persons in local responsibility such as school boards, employers, and housing officials, and to share constructive experiences. A Rights of Conscience Program has found that many calls for help have come from persons with legal or economic problems because of conscientious stands on race relations. Programs with American Indians have grown both on and off the reservations.

(5) *Opportunities with Young People.* In a time of confusion and conformity, high school and college-age young people need a chance to develop and test their ideals. A thousand young people have enlisted in AFSC service and study projects each summer. Short-term off-campus week-end projects have developed in recent years to the point that more than 3,000 additional young people are participating in this way. The most severe problem in the project program remains that of leadership, a point at which a special appeal is made to Friends. As another contribution to help in raising a new generation of concerned workers, the AFSC is laying plans for more opportunities overseas for a year of experience for younger Friends. The AFSC also continues to offer other ways for youth to grow—through affiliations of U.S. and overseas schools, Washington and United Nations seminars, children's friendship projects.

We hope that Friends will always consider the AFSC as one meaningful vehicle for expressing their concerns, not as a substitute but as a complement to actions undertaken by individuals and Meetings.

Colin W. Bell,
Executive Secretary

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 11:40 A.M.

46. Miriam Levering brought the devotional message on the theme of "apples." Fine kinds of apples are grafted on roots of other trees - sometimes normal, sometimes dwarf. It has become evident in the apple world that the nature of the roots has relationship to the strength of the tree and the fineness of the fruit. Carying this thought beyond the orchard, we realize that our spiritual lives must have good roots, and sense that the principles of love, justice and law are the roots on which our national and international policies must be based. We have the choice of the kind of food we will give our roots, and of the "rain from the mountain" with which they will be watered.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 1:45 P.M.

47. Samuel R. Levering presided at the afternoon session, with panel members J. Stuart Innerst, Edward F. Snyder, E. Raymond Wilson, Elmore Jackson, and James Bristol. They discussed some of the outstanding problems in peace building, which include: the place of a United Nations police force; the effects of the Connally Amendment limiting the jurisdiction of the World Court; the Antarctica Treaty as a significant forward step in peace-building; need for greater communication between the underdeveloped areas of the world and the more comfortable sections; disarmament as essential; the problems of inertia and indifference on the part of so many people in America; the Christian basis for peace and human brotherhood. As Christians and Quakers we are concerned about a positive attitude, to bring about a family of God in the world.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 4:10 P.M.

MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES

After punch had been served to representatives by the wives of Friends Central Office staff, they gathered in quiet. Minutes for Friday and Monday sessions were read and approved.

R-16. The Nominating Committee completed their report.

R-17. The New Business Committee suggested that concerned and interested Friends, particularly from the Mission Board, the Friends Colleges, and others, meet Wednesday at one o'clock for fuller discussion of the concern on education in newer yearly meetings. From that discussion a recommendation may be brought to the representatives to implement this concern, if the way seems open for it.

R-18. Statements on Peace, Capital Punishment and Race were brought from the Board on Peace and Social Concerns and suggestions were offered for strengthening them. Ronald Williams urged Friends to remember that any statement must be written in our hearts rather than just on paper. He said he felt the treatment here of Friends from overseas yearly meetings as nationals has meant a great deal to all of these representatives. The statements were referred back to the Board for some further editing.

R-19. The Message Committee reported that very few comments had been made to them, and they recommend that the Message be passed on to the Five Years Meeting without change.

It is intended to be useful to local meetings, as sug-suggested in the preamble: for seekers who visit the meeting with the membership, as a means of centering among ourselves on things that are vital and which unite and inspire, a call and rallying point for Friends, and for use as local and yearly meetings may see fit.

Caleb Smith was concerned that the statement of the Message might almost be made by *any* group, and that it seemed to lack distinctly Quaker expression. Orlando Dick wondered whether, since it is so concise, reference might be made to longer statements such as are in our disciplines. Edmund Goerke expressed his concern that we should feel that messages come not from Boards or from the Five Years Meeting, but rather that they come from Christ himself.

The Message Committee was asked to give further thought to the preamble.

TUESDAY, JULY 19, 8:00 P.M.

48. In the evening session, Glenn A. Reece, presiding, Robert J. Rumsey of Wilmington led the singing of the hymns "O God Our Help in Ages Past" and "Once to Every Man and Nation." Elizabeth Peterson played the piano. Out of the open period of worship, Ronald Williams, from Jamaica, gave the poem about the real hero concluding with the lines:

> "He may not wear a hero's crown or fill a hero's grave,
> But truth will place his name among the bravest of the brave."

Glenn Reece led in prayer, and in the worshipful spirit which followed, Maxine Murphy of Wilmington sang, "Hear Thou My Prayer" by Hamblen.

The evening message was brought by Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. on "The Last Farthing," based on Matthew 5:25-26. In this time of threats of massive retaliation by nuclear catastrophe delivered by ballistic missiles, the prophetic voice of the Church must ring out clearly despite efforts to silence our prophetic witness. The Sermon on the Mount lays upon us the imperative of seeking agreement with our adversary. The difficulties of applying this in personal situations illustrates in part the complexity of the international situation of tension between democratic and dictatorial states. Though the National Council of Churches has always repudiated communism, support is given to exploring all manner of contacts, conferences and negotiations in the hope of some agreement.

We must have a program of massive reconciliation rather than of massive retaliation. Christianity distinguishes between the immediate adversaries and the ultimate one. In our lifetime the immediate adversaries have often changed, but the Bible makes clear that the ultimate adversary is within our own hearts—deep-seated, malignant and satanic forces, lusts, fear, enmity, and seeds of death which give rise to war (James 4:1). Repentance before God is necessary before we can hope for massive reconciliation. We must disarm ourselves if we hope to disarm the world. If we do not practice Christ's gospel of reconciliation, we will have to pay the last farthing, all the consequences of nuclear devastation.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 9:40 and 11:40 A.M.

49. Two letters of greeting and appreciation were read: (1) from the fraternal representatives and attenders from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, signed by Charles J. Darlington, Clerk; and (2) from fraternal representatives from London Yearly Meeting.

50. Registration figures were reported; final figures as compiled at the close of the sessions were:

Baltimore	30
California	57
Canadian	10
Cuba	3
East Africa	5
Indiana	237
Iowa	63
Jamaica	5
Nebraska	25
New England	36
New York	46
No. Carolina	104
Western	208
Wilmington	79
Indiana (G.C.)	2
Ireland	4
Kansas	22
London	12
Ohio (Cons.)	2
Oregon	5
Pacific	3
Philadelphia	64
Ann Arbor Mtg.	2
Florida	4
Formosa	2
Frds. World Comm.	3
Kentucky	2
Mexico	1
Uncertain	13
TOTAL	1050

51. James Vaughan brought before the Five Years Meeting some of the interests and concerns of the college age group, reading a letter in which they said they have raised $150 to be used as scholarship aid to enable Young Friends to attend the workcamp on Saint Helena Island this summer. An additional $172.26 has been raised which they want to contribute to the fund to bring Benjamin Wegesa of East Africa Yearly Meeting to this country next summer. These funds they raised washing cars and selling lemonade during Five Years Meeting. Their letter concluded:

> "Realizing that FYM workcamps have been provided as opportunities primarily for Young Friends of the FYM to put our Christian convictions into practice, we nevertheless feel that this Christian witness can be strengthened if a few other Friends can join in each project. We hope that the unity of spirit which we have felt can be experienced in other gatherings of Friends."

Minutes from Monday evening and Tuesday were read, and with corrections, were approved.

52. The report of the Nominating Committee, referred from the representatives, was approved. Names of Clerks, Treasurer, and committees as appointed are included in the directory—Publication Board; Committee on Aged Ministers and Missionaries; Trustees for ten year term; Epistle Committee; Friends Committee on National Legislation. See p. 153 ff.

The matter of length of appointments, in light of the change from five-year to three-year sessions, was referred to the Executive Council for consideration.

53. The Board of Trustees report was spoken to by William C. Dennis, retiring Chairman. He also paid tribute to Isaac Woodard and Isaac Wilson, board members who have died since the last Five Years Meeting. Sumner Mills expressed appreciation to Jesse O. Parshall for his services as treasurer, and to William Dennis for his devoted service to the Board. The report was approved.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR 1960

The principal function of the Board of Trustees for the past five years has been the normal custody, supervision and investment of the endowment funds of the Five Years Meeting.

As always, the policy of the Trustees has been to look first to the safety of the funds entrusted to their care and thereafter to securing as satisfactory an income as is consistent with safety. To this end, the officers and members of the Board have reviewed the investments of the Five Years Meeting from time to time and made such deletions and substitutions as seemed to be called for by changing conditions.

As pointed out in the report of the Trustees in 1955, the general trend shown by the best managed educational, religious and philanthropic trust funds has been away from mortgage investments and into stocks and bonds. This has been caused in part by the increasing difficulty in securing high grade mortgage investments without incurring undue expense, in part by the increasing safety and convenience of investments in securities.

In accordance with this general trend, your Board has invested a somewhat increasing proportion of the funds of the Meeting in conservative stocks and bonds.

On March 31, 1955, the principal of all funds held by the Trustees amounted to $184,506.44. Of this amount $82,069.31, or 44%, was invested in stocks and bonds.

As of April 25, 1960, the principal of the various trust funds had increased to $239,344.01. At this time $123,385.67, or 51%, was invested in stocks and bonds. The market value on April 25, 1960, of these stocks and bonds was $185,922.80, which was more than $62,000.00 in excess of their cost. This shows an increase in value of more than 50% in the stocks and bonds. The remainder of the funds as of this date is invested almost entirely in real estate mortgages and contracts.

Estimated market value of all investments held in the various funds on April 25, 1960 was $301,881.14.

Acting under authority given by the Executive Council at its sessions in April, 1959, the Board of Trustees entered into an "Agency Agreement" with the Second National Bank of Richmond for the custody of all the securities held by the Trustees. Under this agreement the Bank collects all income, mortgage payments, etc. and reports to the Trustees periodically, and distributes income as requested by the Board. Full responsibility and authority for investments is retained by the Trustees.

A notable addition to the funds in 1959 resulted from the generous devise of Mrs. Anna E. Robinson of a farm near Sullivan, Illinois, which the Board was able to sell on contract for $27,000.00.

Loans held by the Five Years Meeting are secured by mortgages which do not exceed 60 per cent of the conservative value of the property involved. Only securities which qualify under the law of Indiana for the investment of trust funds and which are deemed sound and conservative by recognized financial authorities, have been purchased for the Five Years Meeting. The Board faithfully endeavors to confine its investments to securities representing business not inconsistent with the principles of the Society of Friends and likewise only to make loans on property which is used for purposes of which Friends do not disapprove.

The Board has had occasion during this quinquennial period to mourn the loss of two members, who have served the Board and the Meeting long and well: Isaac Woodard, of Western Yearly Meeting and Isaac Wilson, of Indiana Yearly Meeting, who had been members of the Board for about 18 years and 14 years, respectively.

The Board and the Meeting have been fortunate in the selection of Alvin Hardin, President of the Citizens' National Bank of Knightstown, Indiana and Gordon Keys, Vice President of the People's Loan and Trust Company of Winchester, Indiana, as Isaac Woodard's and Isaac Wilson's successors, respectively.

Respectfully submitted,
William C. Dennis, Chairman
Jesse O. Parshall
Gordon Keys
Marcus E. Kendall
Sumner A. Mills
Alvin Hardin
Howard Henley

54. Richard P. Newby, Chairman of the Board on Christian Education, introduced departmental chairmen, and spoke briefly on the Board's work. Enrolled in Sunday Schools of the Five Years Meeting are 53,000 Friends, 24,000 of them under 12 years of age. Does our budget adequately care for this part of our work? We must strengthen the local meeting for its essential task as teacher. The work of the staff has made possible the progress which the Board is able to report.

Russell E. Rees, General Secretary of the Board, asked that we think of our own part of this work. All of us teach all the time by all we do - and don't do. Services which the Board renders meetings of the Five Years Meeting include: (1) curriculum development and production; (2) providing resources for the whole work of Christian education, both our own and that prepared by others; (3) leadership education; (4) communication, especially field work. We seek not just knowledge but the experience of cooperative effort, working together for what is most worthwhile.

Wayne Carter, Youth Secretary, said let us allow the younger ones among us to come close to the Master; young people should be permitted and encouraged to take places of responsibility now and not merely be thought of as "future leaders." The Youth Cabinet now takes its place in planning the youth program of the Five Years

Meeting, marking one of the advances of this Department. In the future, the hope is that the program will provide: summer work camps and caravans; a conference for high school young people, perhaps in 1962; development of Friends Volunteer Service; expanded program of leadership training; sponsorship of the visit of Benjamin Wegesa in 1961 at camps, conferences and in Friends Schools; production of more materials; increased involvement of young people in planning and carrying out programs.

Olaf Hanson, Secretary of Children's Work, expressed appreciation for the welcome she has received across the Five Years Meeting and encouraged a deepening love for the children. She introduced the speaker:

Elise Boulding, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, a mother and dedicated Friend concerned for work with children. It often seems, she said, that in the local meeting, children's work, in spite of being loved and cared for, may be forgotten. We should take a high view of what our children can be, remembering our own high moments and spiritual desires. The real reason for finding a deeper relation with our children is that we need to live *with* our children in God's eternal now; we must recognize their capacities, and this we do in part by looking back into our own childhood.

Not by talking but by doing, children learn about Friends' business methods, concerns, testimonies, as they conduct a business meeting and discuss proper action to be taken. Do we give our children the dignity of responsibility in the Society? Can each Board of the Five Years Meeting have someone responsible for seeing that their work is interpreted so children can understand and participate in it? Can more Friends write for children? Can we increase our financial contributions for services to children? In closing she urged that we raise our sights and our vision for what we can be, and concluded by reading I John 3:1-3.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1:45 P.M.

55. The report of the Christian Education Board was approved.

The afternoon session was conducted by Wayne Carter and the high school Young Friends, whose dramatic presentation showed some of their problems — and ours: (1) getting young people into the life of the meeting, faced as they are by decisions about their future and how to find meaning in life; (2) providing prepared leaders who have respect for and are respected by youth; (3) overcoming lack of communication and understanding between adults and youth, and seeing each other as individuals; (4) meeting the needs, as a church, of the young person in his religious experience, with his depth of insight and appreciation which may not be fully appreciated by the adult.

BOARD ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

JULY, 1960

To the Five Years Meeting of Friends:

The five-year period, from 1955 to 1960, has been a time of growth in the work and program of the Board on Christian Education. One of the committees studying our entire opportunity has suggested that we have four areas of service to the local Meetings of the Five Years Meeting: (1) Providing the best possible curriculum materials for all age groups, (2) Increasing our service as a center for Christian Education resources of many kinds—books, pamphlets and audio-visuals, (3) Developing greater efficiency in communication with the local Meetings, both by the use of printed materials and by more effective field work, (4) Giving guidance to Leadership development, by Laboratory schools, Workshops, Demonstration classes, Standard Leadership schools, and selecting, reviewing, and recommending the best books in Christian Education.

Curriculum Changes

The publications of the Board appeared in new format in 1957. This has served to identify our Penn Series of publications more easily, and has given an attractive appearance to these materials.

Three new curriculum items have been developed. The Youth Quarterly was introduced in 1957, with all Friends materials. In the same year we prepared the Friends Messages to Parents of Children Under Three, the first 1000 printed were all sold, and a new printing made. Part II of My Part in the Quaker Adventure was also edited and printed.

During this five-year period the Primary Teacher was printed with an inventory to last over the next six years.

January 1, 1960, the new Junior curriculum consisting of Pupil's Book, Teacher's Manual, activity sheets, Messages to Parents, and teaching pictures, appeared and is being well received.

The circulation of all curriculum materials has shown a steady gain, and the value of sales of all Friends materials has increased by 60% in five years. This is partly accounted for by the introduction of new items of curriculum.

ADDITIONAL NEEDS

There is need for further development of curriculum. Adult materials of a different kind are being requested by some Meetings. We should work on a new Junior High curriculum and also on materials for evening youth groups. In time we shall want to develop our own Kindergarten material.

DEPARTMENTS OF WORK

The Leadership Department has developed some interesting new tools. The Job-analysis cards have now been widely used. This year the department developed a new Self-Improvement plan for teachers, so that teachers may advance in training as rapidly as they desire, and for the various steps in improvement, certificates are issued by the Board.

Our first Laboratory School was held in 1959, and there are prospects for two other schools, one in 1960 and one in 1961.

The Adult and Christian Home Life Department prepared a Family Packet of materials and a Family Calendar to accompany it. Over 300 of these have been used. A Counselor's Packet was also assembled. A lending library of books was put in operation with a fine collection of books on Christian Family Life.

Many useful materials have been supplied to Yearly Meeting workers, and a useful mailing list has been compiled.

The Children's Department has been strengthened by the invitation of Yearly Meeting Chairmen of Children's Work to meet with the Editor, Olaf Hanson. In addition to the curriculum developments noted above, the department prepared a chart of children's objectives to guide in future preparation of curriculum. They send regular packets of materials to more than 300 children's workers. They are promoting a conference of children's workers at a later date.

The Youth Department organized a youth cabinet composed of young persons representing the Yearly Meetings. This cabinet meets with the Department in a fall meeting each year. The Seminar programs continue to flourish and during the five years 454 young persons took part.

Successful work camps were held in Jamaica and Cuba, as well as work camps in Oklahoma and Tennessee. The youth camps are an important part of the youth program, and Wayne Carter has often served in these camps and at Yearly Meeting Young People's programs.

HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

The staff and the Board on Christian Education are committed to the importance of our part of the Five Years Meeting program. We agree with Dr. Campbell Wyckoff that "Christian Education must become a part of our basic commitment to Christ. Every Christian who has educational ability and who is wholly committed to Christ knows that the commitment carries with it educational responsibility . . . This commitment to Christian Education must be a central commitment of the Church itself. If certain other aspects of its program come and go, Christian Education stays. It is one of the most central, significant, crucial functions that the Church has to perform."

Russell E. Rees, Secretary and Editor

DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN'S WORK

In the Department of Children's Work we have been moving forward in a variety of ways during the last five years. Children *cannot* make their own plans entirely. They could do more planning, if adults knew *how* to guide them. Children depend on adults who work in their behalf. This makes imperative a department composed of thoughtful, consecrated and deeply concerned adults to meet and plan for the children in our meetings. You cannot have interested youth and adults without laying a good foundation in their early years. Children are developing good or unhealthy attitudes each Sunday towards their meeting. If adults come unprepared, if children see an unattractive classroom, week after week, if they lack spiritual care and guidance in their homes, we can hardly expect to sustain their interest in the meeting. Our workers with boys and girls across The Five Years Meeting need much encouragement.

PUBLICATIONS

For several years the task of the Department has chiefly centered around the production of materials.

Nearly twelve years ago, the need appeared to be a more thorough development of a PENN PRIMARY and PENN JUNIOR TEACHER that was chiefly written and edited by one person. This formed the basis for the employment of a Children's Secretary and Editor to enrich the curriculum materials and to render service to people in the Yearly Meetings as time was allowed.

During these years, the *Friends Handbook* developed which supposedly has become a Board project during the past two years.

The *Primary material* was changed from Methodist group graded (a story leaflet) to the Bethany-Baptist closely graded which includes a *pupil booklet, activity materials, messages for parents,* and *large teaching pictures.* The PENN PRIMARY TEACHER, formerly mimeographed, is now in printed form. All twelve units have been edited and are now a part of our Penn Series.

The Friends Messages for Parents of Children under Three, a packet of letters for parents, has been reprinted with minor changes. Over a thousand of these have been distributed to date.

A new *Junior curriculum is evolving.* Beginning with the January-March 1960 quarter, the former mimeographed PENN JUNIOR TEACHER was printed by the Church of the Brethren at Elgin, Illinois, and the PENN JUNIOR QUARTERLY continues to be done by the Otterbein Press at Dayton, Ohio. Three *new* pieces of material have been added: the PENN JUNIOR ACTIVITY MATERIALS, the PENN MESSAGE TO PARENTS and the large PENN TEACHING PICTURES FOR JUNIORS. (The latter we used but are now being changed in a Friendly way.) A great deal of time was spent in the arrangement of business negotiations for printing these materials in the summer of 1959.

Building good curriculum is a slow and tedious process and yet a real service to our constituency. The Cycle Graded outlines we use are prepared by members of the cooperating denominations in the National Council of Churches.

Besides curriculum there are many other items prepared such as: *Articles* for Quaker Action; revisions of *Bibliographies* for Teachers and Children, of Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior groups; a *Brochure* listing all of the Children's Curriculum and a revision of our *Audio-Visual Listings* covering some 300 film strips and 25 slide sets. One issue of the *American Friend* has been prepared to highlight our work with children.

A CHILDREN'S WORK BULLETIN is being sent *quarterly* to a list of some 325 interested children's leaders in our various local meetings to keep them posted on current happenings.

Constantly, we need to keep sharing our new resources with Friends in local meetings and building rapport from local meeting to Yearly Meeting and vice versa.

Field Work

Over the years, field work of many kinds has been conducted when the Yearly Meetings and local groups have felt a special need and direction at certain points of their program. Much of the field work in which the Children's Secretary has participated has been of the following nature:

Demonstration Classes, Laboratory Schools; *Workshops* - Use of Creative Activities, Demonstrating Audio-Visuals and their Use, Seasonal Events; Guiding groups in the establishment of the Worker's Council and Discussing Duties of Christian Education Committees; Teaching Techniques; Studying Goals and Objectives; Children's Worship and How to Guide It; The Use of the Bible (with different ages); *Creating class interest,* thereby resolving discipline difficulties with boys and girls; *Grouping problems* particularly in the small meeting; *Interpreting Curriculum;* Quaker Books and their Contribution; speaking in the morning worship service.

What Should Be the Function of the Department of Children's Work?

These are some of the items, perhaps there are others to be added:

1. Appreciation and a better understanding of Local and Yearly Meeting situations.

2. Closer acquaintance with children's workers in local meetings with an eye to becoming aware of potential leadership.

3. The development of effective leadership training enterprises for leaders of children such as:

Laboratory and Observation Schools

Vacation Church School Institutes

Regional Workshops (kind to be determined by yearly meetings)

Parent Study Classes

Training leaders to work in Junior and Day Camping situations. (Camping is no longer for Junior High age and Youth alone)

Training teachers to use good methods of teaching.

4. Encourage many kinds of Christian opportunities for boys and girls besides the Sunday church school. These are:

Junior and Day Camping
Vacation Church Schools
Junior evening meetings
Membership classes
Family Group events
Participation in Service Enterprises such as: UNICEF, A.F.S.C., and MISSIONS.

5. Develop more systematic planning of Children's Activities.

6. Hold conferences for those interested in the Christian Nurture of Children to better unite us, such as: The Children's Workers Conference to be held in 1962.

7. Plan for Children's sessions during Five Years Meeting sessions.

8. Develop pertinent resources to help all Yearly Meeting and Local workers.

9. Work with Yearly Meeting committees.

A word of real appreciation should be extended to those who have shared in the work of the department over these past years. However, we still need to chart out and project a vital constructive program in behalf of children. This should be done on a long range basis for a five or ten year period and work toward its fulfillment. Our greatest need perhaps is for training leaders to work skillfully with boys and girls.

Olaf Hanson, Children's Secretary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 4:10 P.M.

MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES

R-20. The Message was again presented by Seth Hinshaw, with the recommendations that: the Message be used without preamble; the clause attributing it to a commission be removed; and an informational statement be added as to source and date. These recommendations were approved.

R-21. Statements on Peace, Capital Punishment and Race, as revised, were presented by Samuel Levering. After discussion, they were approved and referred to the Five Years Meeting (see Minute 74).

A Statement on Beverage Alcohol, brought from the workshop on that subject, was presented, discussed, and referred to the Board on Peace and Social Concerns for further editing in consultation with members of the workshop. The revised statement is to be presented, together with the above three statements, to the larger body.

R-22. The Survey Commission's recommendation concerning field services to local meetings, referred from the Executive Council, was approved as follows:

> It is the strong feeling of Friends that organization is not enough. Meetings need more help in Evangelism, growth, and establishment of new meetings; in stewardship and finance; in finding, training, and placing leadership; in Christian nurture, particularly with young people.
>
> We believe that providing needed field services, both general and in specific areas, should now have priority on additional funds available to the Five Years Meeting, and make specific recommendations for immediate action.

R-23. Recommendations were presented on the concern for wider educational opportunities for Africa. After full discussion, recognizing that this body could not resolve the problems of administration or implementation of the proposal, it was proposed to recommend that the Five Years Meeting refer this matter to the Executive Council, with the thought that it might be put in the hands of the Mission Board for prompt attention. Hope was expressed that the Executive Committee of the Council might give it immediate consideration. (See Minute 69.)

R-24. The following concern, brought from the New Business Committee after being raised by Earl Redding, was received and action taken as noted with each recommendation:

> 1) That, as a Five Years Meeting of Friends, we send an expression of love, greeting and concern to Friends in Mexico. This was approved.

2) That this expression be implemented through setting up, through proper channels, a study commission to aid the Mission Board in making an inquiry into the needs of Mexican Friends. It was approved to refer this to the Mission Board.

3) That Oralia de Gonzalez's concern for Quaker literature in the Spanish language be referred to the Friends World Committee and the United Society of Friends Women, who are working jointly on this concern already. This was approved.

4) That we give urgent consideration to appropriation of sufficient funds to place a full time worker in the Victoria area by the next sessions of this body in 1963. It was approved to refer this to the Mission Board, encouraging exploration of the possibility of a Mexican worker to work with Mexican Friends, in connection with the study suggested in the second recommendation above.

R-25. The need for a suitable name for Five Years Meeting, now to meet at three-year intervals, was raised by Delbert Replogle, but no attempt was made to resolve the problem at this time.

R-26. Faith Terrell pled for all Friends to take home the high ideals held before us here — why we believe in them, why education in Africa is important, why all Boards need support.

Rodney Houts of California added that their representatives are definitely organizing and planning to go into their local meetings to interpret what has been happening here, what the program is, and how meetings and individuals may help to implement it.

R-27. Representatives concluded their sessions for 1960.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 8:00 P.M.

56. The evening session opened in the spirit of worship as Friends sang the prayer hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," led by Ruthanna Pickering, with Kenneth Pickering at the piano.

Dorothy G. Thorne, Chairman, American Section of the Friends World Committee, presided. She spoke of the importance of the visiting Friend, and gave some interesting illustrations. She presented Wilfrid Littleboy, Chairman of the Oxford Conference and former Clerk of London Yearly Meeting, who then introduced the other members of the panel on "World Issues Facing Friends."

William E. Barton, General Secretary of the Friends Service Council, said that the primary world issue for Friends in the 1960's is: How can we perceive and implement our share of the Christian mission? While the Christian mission is primary in the consideration of world issues, the salient political, social and economic facts of the world are relevant to our missionary task. Friends do have something to say and demonstrate in Christian truth and life to the communists. The surge of nationalism in Africa and Asia and the world's hunger also present issues to which we must bear our Christian witness. Basically our response will not depend upon streamlined organization or material resources; it must well up from the worship and activity of meetings and churches.

John Henry Sinton, of Ireland Yearly Meeting, expressed the conviction that our mistake in part has been that we have thrown our concerns too much on committees and boards. Seven men filled with the Holy Ghost could set the world on fire. Sin is the major enemy. Christ has been too much crowded out of our lives. We need to put the promises of the Bible into effect. We can meet world issues only as we exalt Christ.

Monica Gillett, British Young Friend told of work younger Friends are doing. British Young Friends have visited Russia, and Russian young people have spent time in the British Isles. This has been a rich experience. Visits have also been made to China, Poland and Czechoslovakia. This inter-visitation is being continued through the Educational Interchange Council. A "war on want" program has been promoted with special simple meals, special days, and an exhibition.

Wilfrid Littleboy, closing the presentations, emphasized William Penn's idea that true Godliness will carry a Christian into the world to help mend it. The real spiritual life finds outreach. We must avoid the danger of setting the spiritual life over against the practical. The two must be held together.

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 9:40 A.M.

The meeting on Thursday morning opened in a spirit of worship, with the Clerk expressing the thought that the Five Years Meeting has become not just a bridge, but a stream, fed by "rain on the mountain." We pray that the stream may grow in volume and develop in capacity to generate power and light.

57. Lewis W. Hoskins of New York Yearly Meeting has recorded on tape most of the sessions of this Five Years Meeting, and copies may be purchased (concluding with Wednesday evening.) Address: Collins, N. Y.

58. A letter was read from the fraternal representatives from Ireland Yearly Meeting, expressing their appreciation for the experiences here and welcoming Friends to Ireland.

A note of love and greeting was received from Dr. A. A. and Mira Cope Bond. It was approved to send them a message of greeting.

It was also approved to send a message to Kenneth Goom, fraternal representative from London Yearly Meeting, prevented by illness from attending.

Minutes for the Wednesday sessions were read and approved.

59. The recording clerk noted that several Friends have kindly assisted by preparing summaries of the sessions on Sunday, and evening meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday as follows: Russell E. Rees, Virginia S. Hauser, Sarah S. Cecil, J. Floyd Moore, Edward A. Manice, and J. Stuart Innerst.

60. Reports from work with the young people were introduced by Wayne Carter. In the high school age group, Joseph Vlaskamp, his wife Lynn, and Keith and Judith Kendall served as adult leaders, with Xen Harvey, leading the worship. Nancy Cox, member of the group, said they had had speakers with them who are on the campus during this week, and they have attended the evening sessions.

The Junior High group have been led by William Griggs assisted by Jack Kirk.

Truman Robertson reported for the college age group that they have had late evening discussion with several leaders, and have also raised funds for use of the Youth Department as indicated at an earlier session. David Stanfield described more fully the inter-racial workcamp to be conducted on Saint Helena Island this August.

61. Olaf Hanson, Ann Cope and Jay Beede brought report of classes and recreation activities with younger boys and girls, using materials in the Penn Series. The following led class groups:

Kindergarten - Elizabeth Hoskins, Jeanne Reller, Sarah Wilson. *Primary* - Helen Dawson, Marian Murchison, Betty Harvey, Mary Elizabeth Brunson. *Junior* - Charlotte Craig, Martha Haines, Elinor Castle. These represented several different yearly meetings.

Twelve local volunteers helped Jay Beede in the afternoon recreational program, and he brought the Good Crop Report saying: "We have seen this last week the young 'seedlings' of our Society — alert, active and loving children. With cultivation, nurture and concerned guidance, our crop forecast is that as these young people grow and flower, so shall our Society of Friends."

62. The Message was brought from the representatives for final action by the Five Years Meeting. Seth Hinshaw reviewed its development — it had its beginning in papers prepared by three Friends as part of the Survey Commission's re-study of the Five Years Meeting; a Message was drafted by the Workshop which met in March, and was approved by the Executive Council; and now it comes to this body with the approval of the representatives as they have met this week. It was approved as follows:

THE MESSAGE OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS

We are living in the most critical and exciting period in human history. It may well be that in the will of God our greatest service and achievements lie just ahead. As a Five Years Meeting we feel that now is the time for us to intensify our efforts and to press forward in faith and hope.

EXPERIENCE

We reaffirm that to be a Quaker is to be a Christian. Recognizing that man cannot save himself by his own wisdom and strength, we acknowledge Jesus Christ as the Son of God who is our Saviour and Lord, and honor Him as the great Head of the Church which He has established in the world. Through the Holy Spirit He guides its ministries, bestows gifts for its work, convinces the unbelieving, baptizes the believers, and is in communication with His people, feeding them upon the "bread of life."

MISSION

From this experience of the transforming power of Christ within we have found that all men have immediate access to God. This means that the healing power and redemptive love of God are available to all men to guide them in discerning the will of God for life and action. This experience binds us together into a warmly evangelical fellowship under the compulsion to proclaim that there is One, even Christ Jesus, Who does speak to the condition of every man and time. As there was a vigorous response in the New Testament Christian community to "go into all the world" and proclaim the gospel of Christ, so Friends have responded to the same mission. Evangelism, as it was in the New Testament, we understand to be the witness of the reconciling love of God in Christ through His life, death, and resurrection; and the witness to Christ Eternal as the giver of life, light and truth. This sharing of the good news is the great mission of the Church.

RESPONSIBILITY

We feel that our primary responsibility is to make ourselves available, usable and expendable in His service. This means we must be open to fresh revelation and leadings of the Holy Spirit so that our message may be relevant to the needs of people to whom we go and the condition of society wherever Friends may serve. We must possess the courage to challenge un-Christian thought and action in the Spirit of Christian love.

SOCIAL CONCERNS

Our mission includes the demonstration that Christian experience and practical living cannot be divorced. Rooted as it is in Biblical

Truth, our Quaker testimony is that all of life is potentially holy and subject to transformation by the working of His love and grace. It also means that the Gospel of Christ speaks to the whole man—mind, body and spirit—and that all of man's relationships, both personal and social, are subject to God's concern, amenable to His transforming love, and thereby become proper areas for our active social concern. The testimonies relative to peace, racial equality, temperance, home life, integrity in business dealings, and honesty in word are all plain applications of the spiritual principles inherent in the Christian gospel, hence a vital part of the Christian witness and life.

Living Faith

Whereas Christian revelation is revelation of God's Truth, it is likewise a revelation of God's love, both of which became personified in Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God. For Friends this is more than dogma; it is a living reality in the life of every true member of the Christian Community. Holy obedience lays upon each one of us, whether members of meetings, leaders in meetings, or employed personnel, the responsibility to let our lives embody and articulate God's love and truth.

Our Call

Meeting under a deep sense of spiritual concern, and unity of purpose, we are constrained by the love of God to call every Meeting to examine its message and mission and join in a spiritual awakening which will bring the entire Friends Movement into new areas of evangelism, Christian education, missions, stewardship and social concerns.

This Message was prepared by the Conference on Message and Mission of the Five Years Meeting, held February 29-March 3, 1960, at Quaker Hill. It was approved by the Executive Council in April, and by the Five Years Meeting in session in July, 1960.

63. The Epistle, conveying some of the important emphases growing out of the sessions, was presented by R. Furnas Trueblood for the Epistle Committee, and approved as follows:

FIVE YEARS MEETING EPISTLE

TO FRIENDS EVERYWHERE:

The Five Years Meeting of Friends assembled this year at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, July 14 to 21. In pleasant fellowship and with lovely natural surroundings there was time for reflection, searching, worship and discussion as we sought to shape up more clearly the conception of our message and mission, and the details of a revitalized program. In this unprecedented time of storm and turmoil we were reminded that this is for us, "an hour of decision, and obviously the hour of our Visitation."

We are called to witness and to serve in the name and in the Spirit of Chirst who is central in our faith and in our emphasis. To fill the Society of Friends with new life and power to carry our message to the whole world, "our calling to fulfill", — THIS is the challenge that has come to us. We have rejoiced at the evidences of new life and power that are already manifest.

Bible Study and worship have from the beginning brought fresh inspiration, encouragement and zeal. Workshops and discussion groups have helped us to become aware of opportunities and possibilities just ahead. These were integral parts of the total program which sought to provide insight for better workmanship in our Meetings. Most of the members attended one workshop out of the fourteen provided, for five afternoons. This was the most striking new feature of these sessions. It recognized the danger of complacency and drifting, and called us to a worshipful group-search for a clear sense of direction and a clearer grasp of our task in fourteen major areas of concern.

Emphasis on Outreach, and on Peace and Social Concerns was not new in itself, but a new spirit of vital concern was evident in both fields. Reaffirmation of the Quaker testimony *against* war, and *for* positive peace action was highlighted, and our attention was called to the necessity of being sensitive, finding ways to exercise the ministry of reconciliation, and to serve as peace-makers.

Representatives attending from Yearly Meetings outside of the United States and Canada served to add an exclamation point to the emphasis on opportunities for outreach that we have just now, and the critical urgency to take advantage of every open door. Friends from Kenya, Cuba, Jamaica and Mexico, workers with the

Mission Board, the United Society of Friends Women and Quaker Men continued to awaken us to our great day of opportunity in the fields of education, medicine, evangelism, church extension and other services in great variety. If we learn to work with the Resources of the Divine Spirit, there is no limit to what we can do.

The presence in our sessions of fraternal representatives from other Yearly Meetings on the North American Continent and overseas has brought us a rich sense of fellowship and inspiration.

We were refreshed and encouraged by the attendance of many young people and children. Capable leaders were with them to give guidance in planned sessions of activity, study and worship. Emphasis has been placed on the fact that they are a part of the Five Years Meeting. And we, having admitted and avowed that our own children and youth are worthy of attention, and our most skilled nurture, set our faces to the joyous task of serving, challenging and involving them in our religious quest and spiritual service.

A sign of hopeful revitalization and advance is in the area of training for ministry and leadership. A new Board on Training for Christian Vocations has come alive with a threefold objective: seeking new potential leaders, guiding them into formal training, and assisting them, when trained, to places in our Society where they can function most effectively. This new Board, with a new Secretary gives us a real forward look, and with growth in interest and concern, and careful planning, it promises much for the future.

We have tried during recent years to create a Five Years Meeting structure responsive to God's will. A new office building, and the reconstituted Executive Council and Board on Stewardship and Finance are some of the evidences of new life. Through *Quaker Action* we have tried to enter every home. Now that the Five Years Meeting will convene every three years, instead of every five, we hope to be more responsive to our membership, to plan program and budgets with wider participation, and to deepen our fellowship and sense of unity by more frequent gatherings.

But this may be mere machinery. The power we seek is "never the work of a staff, or a committee, or a conference." Alone we have no power. Only through God can we do our job. Our share is to prepare our hearts and minds to be the instruments of God's great purposes. Power comes from yielding to the "sweep of God's mighty power," and as we do that we can be sure that the

Holy Spirit will pour His life out upon us and within us. "Rain on the mountain" will come pouring down through the channels we make ready. "God is where we let Him in."

Submitted by the Epistle Committee:
R. Furnas Trueblood, Chairman
Ora W. Carrell
Solomon Adagala
E. Daryl Kent
Alma T. Warren
Thomas R. Bodine
Sumner A. Mills, Clerk

James Coney led in singing, "The Church's One Foundation."

64. From the Workshop on Peace, a statement was presented by E. Raymond Wilson on behalf of the workshop leader, with the suggestion that it might, if approved, go to President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, as a letter or telegram. It was read and approved, to be used as indicated, as follows:

STATEMENT ON GENEVA TEST BAN NEGOTIATIONS

For twenty months, many Friends have followed with close interest the negotiations at Geneva to end nuclear weapons tests. We have been encouraged by the progress that has been made in agreeing to 17 articles of the proposed treaty.

These important negotiations should not be allowed to fail. We strongly urge the United States government to put forward additional proposals now and make a real effort to bring these negotiations to a successful conclusion.

We strongly urge that the moratorium on all nuclear weapons tests be continued until agreement is reached. Unilateral resumption by the United States would have serious international repercussions and impair further negotiations.

A treaty to end nuclear weapons tests with international inspectors located in the Soviet Union, the United States and elsewhere, which our government has been seeking, would provide an important break-through toward far-reaching world disarmament.

Signed on behalf of Five Years Meeting,
Sumner A. Mills Clerk

Too late to include in the telegram, Earl Craven suggested the thought that sometimes we forget our blessings in being allowed to be free to worship and express our beliefs. It might be appropriate to express our confidence in the attempt of some of our governmental leaders and assure them we want to back them up more than we may have done.

65. From the Workshop on Essential Christian Beliefs a statement of evaluation was read by Charles Thomas. This was received as a report, not needing action.

66. A Statement from the Workshop on Christian Stewardship was called to our attention, which has been mimeographed for distribution. No action was needed.

67. Statements on Peace and Social Concerns were presented by Samuel R. Levering. The ones on Peace, Capital Punishment and Race came with the approval of the representatives. A statement on Beverage Alcohol, revised after discussion by the representatives, was read and commented upon. Action on all these statments was deferred to the afternoon session.

68. Earl Redding brought a concern on the status of Friends' work in Mexico and the need for revitalizing it. Action taken by the representatives on Wednesday afternoon (see Minute R-24) was approved.

69. Growing out of the concern expressed by Solomon Adagala for additional educational opportunities in newer yearly meetings, a recommendation was brought from the representatives in which some changes were inserted, relating to its administration. Recognizing the need for flexibility in carrying forward this proposal, it was approved to endorse the general idea, but leave it with the Executive Council and Mission Board to study and implement plans. Solomon Adagala expressed appreciation to Friends for taking time to work on formulation of this proposal. The recommendation follows:

For Extending Educational Opportunities in Newer Yearly Meetings:

The Representatives recommend to the Five Years Meeting that the Mission Board, acting through its Executive Committee, be directed to set up committees as follows:

(1) A committee to seek scholarship support for Friends from Yearly Meetings outside the United States who might be selected to pursue education in secondary schools and colleges in this country. Financing should be cleared through the Board on Stewardship and Finance.

(2) A committee to plan for the possible establishment of a Christian college or university in Kenya.

It is understood that these committees will be broadly based, probably working in conjunction with those who could represent concerns and interests such as Friends Schools, the American Friends Service Committee, and Friends Service Council

It is further recommended that as plans might be developed for bringing Friends to this country, the project might be supported by the offer of full tuition scholarships by Friends schools, and assistance with board and room by Yearly Meetings.

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 11:40 A.M.

70. Robert E. Cope led the devotional period after we sang together, "O Worship the King," with Norman Young at the piano.

> "I dwell in the high and holy place, and with him who is of a humble and contrite heart." (Isa. 57:15)

How can the finite comprehend the infinite? With our limited capacity, we can understand only a limited part of God, we can never do Him justice in our comprehension, but we must never forget the transcendence and majesty of God. Our God is high, He is holy, He is transcendent, creator and sustainer of the universe; but He also lives with men. Being sharers with Him we become new creatures; we can say, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 1:45 P.M.

Following the open period of worship in which D. Elton Trueblood voiced a prayer of thanksgiving and supplication, the Clerk turned to business of the afternoon.

Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

71. The report of the Fiduciary Corporation was approved, as printed.

REPORT OF FIDUCIARY CORPORATION OF FRIENDS

The Fiduciary Corporation of Friends has held meetings regularly since the last report. They have been faithfully attended by the members. The Board at present consists of the following members:

William C. Dennis
Errol T. Elliott
Paul C. Furnas
William Q. Hale
Mary Coate Houtz
Benjamin N. Johnson
Sumner A. Mills
William H. Reller
Roy Sahm

The American Friend has been used as an advertising medium, as well as a brochure entitled "Abiding Memorials."

The Directors have authorized the creation of an agency account with the Trust Department of a national bank. Funds presently on hand and to be received in the future are to be placed in said Trust Account in the interest of proper continuity and accountability. The Fiduciary Corporation is basically a trust foundation through which gifts and bequests may receive adequate administration. Some of the worthy opportunities which suggest themselves for support through gifts, bequests or annuities are as follows:

(1) The various services of the Five Years Meeting of Friends.

(2) Quaker Colleges and Secondary Schools.

(3) Homes and provisions for aged Friends, etc.

The Corporation continues to look to the members of the Five Years Meeting as a whole for consideration.

B. N. Johnson, President
Mary Coate Houtz, Secretary

72. From the Workshop on Music a report of their exploration and suggestions was presented. Several workshops have arranged to have reports printed or mimeographed, and all were urged to submit reports for the guidance of future program committees.

73. The Epistle from the Young Friends college age group was read by Frances Warren, with many expressions of warm appreciation, as this Epistle was approved:

YOUNG FRIENDS EPISTLE

To All Friends Everywhere,

Young Friends of College-age gathered at the Five Years Meeting of Friends in Richmond, Indiana, July 14-21, 1960 send greetings. Nearly fifty of us, including several Young Friends from outside the Five Years Meeting, have had fellowship together during these sessions, and have found a unity of spirit and purpose.

We have been made keenly aware, as we have listened to speakers and had our own discussions, that the Society of Friends is not growing and is not having the impact on the world which it ought to have in these troubled times. Nevertheless, we are more concerned that we as individuals need to strengthen our own spiritual lives, believing that effective outreach and service will follow from this. We are united in our conviction that the message of Friends to the world must include both evangelism and service—either without the other is incomplete.

During this week we have become deeply interested in plans for a work camp to be held next month at Penn Center, St. Helena Island, South Carolina. This work camp, dealing with race relations in the South, comes at a crucial time, and we heartily endorse this project of the Five Years Meeting Youth Department and North Carolina Yearly Meeting. By means of money-raising projects carried on this week we have been able to raise a considerable fund to provide scholarship aid for Young Friends to attend the work camp. (Part of this money will also be contributed to the fund to bring Benjamin Wegesa from East Africa Yearly Meeting to this country next year to visit with Young Friends and others.)

As we have considered this work camp, we have asked ourselves why there are so few Negroes in our Yearly Meetings. This work camp is meant to be a time for careful consideration of the responsibility of Friends in race relations, and yet we have so few Negro Friends that there may be none in attendance. Is our testimony for racial equality negated by the example of our own Meetings?

As we have considered together opportunities for Young Friends, we are struck with the fact that there is so much duplication in organization of such things as workcamps and seminars. We request that the youth boards of different groups of Friends from different areas seek more cooperation in the planning of such programs. We hope that all conferences and projects will be open to Friends from different groups, so that they may serve as opportunities to grow in understanding and appreciation of the many and varied contributions of Quakerism. The lack of understanding and communication among Friends in the United States is greatly weakening our message to the world. We as Young Friends have felt the deeper unity in Christ which transcends our differences.

We appreciate the encouragement we have felt to participate in the regular Five Years Meeting sessions. In addition we have carried on discussions of our own, drawing on resources of various older Friends. The eagerness of these persons to meet with us, the interest of older Friends in our activities, and the enthusiastic support of our money-raising projects have made us feel very much accepted and also aware of our responsibilities as Friends.

May each of us take seriously this responsibility to prepare himself spiritually for meeting the problems and challenges which face us as the Society of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Young Friends
by the Epistle Committee
James Vaughan
Beverly Brown
Frances Warren
Wilmer Stratton

74. Statements from the Board on Peace and Social Concerns were considered again. After discussion, the statement on Beverage Alcohol was referred to the Board for further editing, with liberty to make it usable in harmony with the suggestions offered. It should indicate that the Five Years Meeting is concerned about the problem of the use of beverage alcohol, and should reaffirm the principle of abstinence.

Statements on Peace, Capital Punishment and Peace were approved as follows:

STATEMENTS ON PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Willam Penn said, while Governor of Pennsylvania: "True Godliness does not turn men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it, and excites their endeavors to mend it. Christians should keep the helm and guide the vessel to its port, not merely steal out at the stern of the world, and leave those that are in it without a pilot, to be driven by the fury of evil times upon the rock or sand of ruin."

The Five Years Meeting of Friends assembled on July 20, 1960, at Richmond, Indiana, voices its concerns about the responsibility of Friends, to work for the abolition of war and capital punishment and for the elimination of discrimination and segregation.

PEACE

Our peace testimony stems from Friends' faith in the life and teachings of Jesus. Through personal experience in worship and through the example and Spirit of Christ, we know that God is Love, and that He calls us to live by the law of love.

The war spirit, whether manifested in the home or in the mass killing of people by nations, is contrary to Divine Love and alien to the teachings of Christ.

The triumph of Jesus Christ over death on the cross assures us that love, and not evil, overcomes evil. Our peace witness aims to express itself in positive, active, outgoing love toward the evildoer, and not in negative, passive submission to evil. While we seek to take no part in war or preparation for war, we strive to be co-workers with God in replacing the spirit, techniques and system of war with the spirit, practices and institutions of peace.

We believe that peace is possible when men, created in the image of God, respond to His call to live in peace and harmony as children of one Father, through the power of the indwelling Christ. The present reliance of nations upon armaments and military alliances for peace and security, and the hope for peace through the pursuit of selfish national policies are doomed to fail now as in the days of Isaiah and Jeremiah.

Peace and security can come only through a new spirit of brotherhood, reflected in the disarmament of all nations, down to internal policing levels, peacefully enforced; an adequate worldwide program to assure justice and opportunity for all peoples; and a United Nations supported and developed as an adequate instrument for world justice and law.

The new spirit of brotherhood will come as Christians heed the summons of Christ to be peacemakers, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to house the homeless, to overcome evil with good, to love and feed our enemies. In this, Friends have a unique responsibility and privilege because of the faith they profess and their experience in the past three centuries.

The 300 years that have elapsed since the 1660 declaration of the Friends peace testimony have brought us to a new era in which men have developed weapons of mass destruction capable of wiping out all human life on the earth, but they are not yet willing to prevent these weapons from being used. This constitutes *the* crisis of our times. That God-given resources both human and material, are being dedicated to the invention of missiles capable of destroying the earth's largest cities at one fell blow, or to the production of chemicals and bacteria that can carry death to whole populations is a sinful use of the knowledge and power entrusted to man.

The situation our generation faces is fraught with unprecedented urgency for all who believe God wills the kingdom of heaven and not the kingdom of destruction toward which the nations presently seem to be moving relentlessly. If we listen we can hear a voice calling us to full commitment in prayer and in sacrificial giving of talent, time and possessions to the task of abolishing war and promoting peace. No individual Friend, no Monthly Meeting, no Yearly Meeting can afford to disregard this call. If we of 1960 are to follow worthily in the succession of the Friends of 1660, as they worthily followed in the footsteps of Christ and the early Christians, we must repudiate war as they did. We must think soberly not only about what modern missiles can do in destroying the precious lives of millions in our own and other lands, but of the moral decline that takes place in our lives when we threaten and assent to such wanton destruction of human life across national boundaries. Seeing the evil of war as early Friends did, we must express an emphatic "no" to it, and then go hopefully over the earth declaring our emphatic "yes" to the abundant life which Christ came to give.

Capital Punishment

Friends accept the Biblical teachings that every human life is valuable in the sight of God, that man need not remain in his sinful state but can repent and be saved, that God loves the sinner and takes "no pleasure in the death of the wicked," but longs "that the wicked turn from his way and live." (Ezekial 22:11.)

We oppose capital punishment because it violates the gospel we proclaim, and promotes the evils of vengeance and injustice through the agencies of government intended to advance righteousness and justice. We believe the Christian way to deal with crime is to seek the redemption and rehabilitation of the offender, promote penal reform and work more diligently at the task of preventing crime.

As capital punishment is abolished, we recognize that society must be protected against release from prison of those whose unredeemed spiritual life, or whose condition of physical or mental health, would endanger others.

We look with favor upon the renewed efforts in our time to abolish capital punishment, urge our members individually, and our Monthly and Yearly Meetings to unite with others in the task of removing the death penalty from the statute books of the various states, provinces and central or federal governments, and the United Nations.

Race

"So God created man in his own image . . ." (Gen. 1:27) "and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26).

We humbly recognize that our Society as a whole has not been true to this basic Christian belief. Too often pioneering in racial equality has been left to the few. But in this day of racial crisis every member of the Society of Friends should be concerned that all races have equal opportunity to participate with one another in worship, education, housing, employment and voting, and to join in our fellowship

The Christian way to combat injustice is to act in the spirit of love and forgiveness which Christ both lived and taught, admonishing us "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use and persecute you." (Matt. 5:44) In recent months and years our Negro brothers in Christ have practiced to a remarkable degree these precepts of the Master as they have opposed injustice nonviolently and in the spirit of Christian love. We are grateful to them for their leadership in demonstrating the relevance of Christ's teaching in our time and in our own communities.

Race prejudice and hatred are spiritual and moral diseases not confined to any one section of one country or to any one nation. In God's world there is no place for discrimination or prejudice because of racial or national origin, economic circumstance or religious belief. We believe that there is something in every man which can respond to the Love of God, and that every man has the God-given right to walk over the earth in dignity and self respect. We have the opportunity and the obligation to help secure this right for all.

75. The Board on Christian Education presented the recommendation that the Epistle and Message be printed in Spanish. This was approved. It was also approved to refer to the Publication Board the suggestion that we would hope it might be possible for the same to be done with the statements on peace and social concerns.

76. A message of greeting was read from Herbert M. Hadley, Secretary of the Friends World Committee, Birmingham, England.

77. The report of the Executive Council's nominations for officers and for executive and personnel committees, to serve until the next session of this body in 1963, was read and approved as follows:

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The Executive Council also asked that a member-at-large be added to the membership of the Council. This was approved.

78. Willard Ware, Chairman of the Executive Committee, on behalf of the Council paid tribute to Marcus Kendall for his faithful service as Chairman of the Council for the past five years.

Appreciation was expressed by the Clerk and heartily approved by the assembly,

—to Earlham College for the hospitality extended here, especially President Bolling and staff: Harold C. Cope, John H. Sweitzer, and Annetta Collins.

—to David Henley as Program Chairman and Lila Henley as Registration and Hospitality Chairman;

—to the Central Offices staff;

—to Eleanor Zelliot for her work in publicity;

—and to *all* who contributed so much to the sessions.

Oscar Marshburn expressed appreciation for the work of the four Clerks who have served at the table, mentioning the work of the recording clerk in her handling of the minutes, and the presiding clerk's splendid spirit and spiritual discernment of the wishes of this body. In addition, over the past five years, the presiding clerk has travelled widely and given generously of his time on behalf of the Five Years Meeting, for which we are grateful.

79. The Quaker Hill report was presented to the Five Years Meeting as follows, but was not spoken to:

QUAKER HILL COMMITTEE
1955-1960

The Quaker Hill Residence has housed numerous conferences, committees and retreats during the past five years. In addition, it has furnished pleasant over-night lodging for many individuals who have come here on Five Years Meeting business or who are visiting in Richmond. Other denominations have found Quaker Hill a desirable place for their retreats and have come for two to four-day periods.

The number of guests is probably smaller over the past five years for two reasons: first, Indiana Yearly Meeting is held on the Earlham campus, using its dormitories, and second, the Executive Council of the Five Years Meeting has held its fall meetings in other parts of the country instead of Richmond.

A great loss was felt by the Committee when Homer J. Coppock passed away, as he had been Chairman since Quaker Hill became the property of The Five Years Meeting in 1954 and had given devoted service to this project.

A major repair was made in the summer of 1959 when a steel eye-beam was installed under the stairway to the third floor to insure its complete safety. This necessitated papering and painting the stair-well and hallways. The income from the Trust funds given by Isaac Woodard for the repair and upkeep of Quaker Hill covered this expense.

In 1957 the subsidy from the Five Years Meeting was reduced from $2000 to $1800 per year. During 1958 several large dead elm trees had to be cut, making our maintenance cost excessive. The Trustees paid for the trees cut in 1959 and have ruled that any further cutting of trees may be paid for from income of the invested funds.

The seven acres of tillable bottom land near the creek was in the Soil Bank which paid $210 in 1957 and $234 in 1958. One year elapsed when the land was idle. It is now in the Conservation Reserve which will pay to the Quaker Hill Committee $133.92 each year for five years. One other source of income is from the rental of one apartment in the Lodge for $35.00 per month, and the use of the grounds for a Day Camp for children by the Y.W.C.A. during part of the summer.

Some new furnishings were bought before the Boards met in March of 1960 but more needs to be done when there is money for it. A reorganization of the kitchen and installing of new equipment in the near future seem necessary for more efficient service. The House Committee has been asked to investigate this and suggest plans. Major repairs to the roof and gutters are necessary also.

The great need of Quaker Hill is for more patronage. Friends coming from all parts of the country to Richmond will find Quaker Hill a delightful place to stay with a more homey atmosphere than a motel. Parvin and Cornelia Bond are most cordial as Host and Hostess and are doing more than their share of the work to help keep our budget in line.

Edith Wildman, Chairman

Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

80. Wilfrid Littleboy led in a few moments of worship as the afternoon business session concluded. From *The Christian Faith and Practice in the Experience of the Society of Friends,* of London Yearly Meeting, he read these words of Elders and Faithful Brethren of Phila-

delphia, writing in the spring of 1683 to their friends three thousand miles across the ocean:

"And the Lord of heaven and earth
Who is the Father of our family,
Keep us in His love and power,
And unite, comfort and build us all,
More and more,
To His eternal praise, and our rejoicing."

THURSDAY, JULY 21, 8:00 P.M.

81. David E. Henley opened the evening session. Aldean Pitts led the singing of "Dear Master," with Sharon Pope of Friends University at the piano. In the open worship, David Henley offered prayer. Then he spoke of the revival of dedication and vision experienced in these Five Years Meeting sessions, and challenged us to a vigorous witness which will activate our local meetings to a creative role in the Kingdom.

82. Three Friends spoke on "Highlights in the Program for the Next Three Years." LORTON HEUSEL pointed out some redemptive aspects of these sessions: changed attitudes resulting from deep searching; a spirit of growing trust in one another and in our leadership; an openness and tolerance in the workshops and discussion groups which has meant more vital consideration of the issues; and an acceptance of organization as the agency for action on our concerns. May we recognize the urgency of our theme, "A Charge to Keep I Have."

WILMER A. COOPER spoke of the background of our revitalization - the low ebb a year ago and the need for leadership, the survey, and the spiritual rewards which came from preparation of the Message. There has been renewed emphasis on service to local meetings. Plans for *The American Friend* reflect the effort to communicate with each meeting and home. The new Board on Training for Christian Vocations hopes to develop vigorous leadership which will help insure progress. The Guilford College program for a Master's degree, the School of Religion planned by Earlham College, and programs planned by the other Friends colleges are attempts to meet the need for leadership.

David E. Henley paid tribute to the Executive Council, the continuing body of the Five Years Meeting, and to the Boards and Committees. Sumner Mills spoke on behalf of the retiring clerks, expressing faith in the work the new clerks will do. S. Arthur Watson responded on behalf of the incoming clerks.

R. Ernest Lamb spoke of the need for thankfulness, cooperation, and commitment and assured the clerks of the prayers of Friends that they may be effective in leading the Five Years Meeting in the work of the Lord. Recognition was given to the staff of the Central Offices and their work.

Ida Mae Miller sang, "I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness," by Dvorak, accompanied by Sharon Pope.

83. The final address of this Five Years Meeting session was given by Richard P. Newby on "Devotional Commitment." Within most of our hearts there is the feeling that these 1960 sessions have set the stage for an experience of rebirth throughout our beloved Society of Friends. God asks us as He did Isaiah: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Let us answer the basic question, "What can I do?" Each of us can keep alive our faith in the goodness of God, try to find the good in every situation of life, keep sensitive and responsive to the suffering in our world, recognizing that God has never left Himself without a witness, and that though we cannot control the destiny of the whole world, we can do something for someone close by. We seek the kind of Friends' organization that will spearhead the thrust toward a new society by standing, thinking, praying and working together for the glory of God and for the redemption of our world.

The closing hymn was our theme, "A Charge to Keep I Have," after which the minutes of the evening session were read, corrected and approved.

84. In a spirit of worship, the concluding minute was read. These have been good days together. Here on the beautiful campus of Earlham College we have been as one big Christian family. The splendid facilities provided for our physical comfort, the inspiration of the messages, the stimulus of the workshops, the assurances

of faith that came during worship, will long be remembered and appreciated. In all these we have experienced, and always cherish, the fellowship of Christian friends.

But more permanent than memory will be the fruition of plans and purposes we are taking home with us. With God's help we are going forward to greater things in His Kingdom. In His eternal purposes our little contributions of time, talent and treasure will be used and magnified. This He has promised.

As we live and work in our homes, churches and communities, may we always remember the words of our risen Christ who said: "I go before you" and also "Lo, I am with you always." Though separated from each other by miles of distance and though sometimes meeting obstacles that test our faith and strength, let us remember we are all working together in the same cause, and we never walk alone. By word and deed we go forth to preach His gospel to all the world. May each of our meetings be known to all around us as radiant centers of inspiration and blessing.

And now we adjourn, purposing to meet again, in His will, three years hence.

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JULY 14-21, 1960

Children's Daily Program (Special additional program)

9:00 - 12:00	Classes
1:45 - 4:00	Supervised Recreation.

Young Friends Daily Program (Special additional program)

8:00 a.m.	Bible Study and Worship - Stout Memorial Meetinghouse
7:00 p.m.	High School Choir practice

THURSDAY

Morning

9:40 - 11:40	Registration and Briefing Session for Leaders

Afternoon

1:45 - 2:45	Executive Council - Stout Memorial Meetinghouse College Age, planning session, WRA Lodge
3:00 - 4:30	Opening Business Session - Field House Auditorium Call to Worship - Errol T. Elliott Roll Call of Representatives Welcome to Fraternal Representatives Instructions to Representatives First Report of Executive Council High School Groups, planning session - Meetinghouse
4:35 - 5:30	Representatives and Clerks Meet - Meetinghouse

Evening

6:50 - 7:45	Spiritual Mission Teams Meet - Meetinghouse
8:00 - 9:15	Music - Field House Convener - David E. Henley Welcome - Landrum R. Bolling Address - Seth B. Hinshaw, "Message and Mission of Friends"

FRIDAY

Morning

8:00 - 8:50	Worship Groups
9:00 - 9:30	Bible Half-Hour - E. Daryl Kent
9:40 - 11:40	Business - Field House Reports: Publications; Communications; Special Reports Report of Executive Council and Recommendations for Field Work in Local Meetings Spiritual Mission Local Meeting Emphasis
11:40 - 12:00	Devotions - S. Arthur Watson

Afternoon

1:00 - 1:40	FYM Choir Rehearsal - Meetinghouse Library
1:45 - 2:20	Message and Special Recommendations "Spiritual Mission to Friends"
2:30 - 4:00	Discussion Groups on Subject of the Day Workshops (continuing throughout the week)
4:10 - 5:30	Representatives Meeting - Meetinghouse
4:15	"Get Acquainted" Tea

Evening

7:00 - 7:45	Quiet Time Organ Concert - Ruth Batt, Organist
8:00 - 9:15	Music - Field House Marcus Kendall, presiding Address - Glenn A. Reece, "Called to Witness and to Serve"

SATURDAY

Morning

8:00 - 8:50	Worship Groups
9:00 - 9:30	Bible Half-Hour - E. Daryl Kent

9:40 - 11:40	Business - Field House Special Communications Reports: Representatives; Board on Education; Committee on Pensions Board on Evangelism and Church Extension Board on Training for Christian Vocations Memorials - Dorothy Gilbert Thorne
11:40 - 12:00	Devotions - Earl J. Prignitz

AFTERNOON

1:45 - 2:20	Concerns: Vitality in Local Meetings - Field House
2:30 - 4:00	Discussion Groups on Subject of the Day Workshops
4:10 - 5:30	Executive Council - Meetinghouse
5:45	Children's Dinner

EVENING

6:45 - 9:15	Banquets: Women with Rosa Page Welch - "Message in Word and Song" Men with D. Elton Trueblood - "The Fulfillment of Ministry" Young Quakers with Fred Reeve - "Young Quakers in a Quaking World"

SUNDAY

MORNING

8:00 - 8:50	Private Devotions and Quiet Hour
8:00 - 10:00	Unprogrammed Meeting - with Clear Creek Meeting, Stout Memorial Meetinghouse
10:00 - 10:45	Bible Hour - with Russell E. Rees, in Field House Children's Sunday School
11:00 - 12:00	Programmed Meeting - Field House David Castle and Norval Webb, presiding Message - D. Elton Trueblood Music - Choir of First Friends, Richmond, and the FYM Young Friends Choir

Afternoon

3:00 - 4:00 Worship in Song - Ruth Stoffregen, presiding
Message - Rosa Page Welch

Evening

6:50 - 7:45 Vesper Song Service, led by Aldean Pitts

8:00 - 9:15 Music by FYM Choir, Leonard Holvik, director
Errol T. Elliott, presiding
Johnson Lecture by Douglas V. Steere, "Rain on the Mountain"

MONDAY

Morning

8:00 - 8:50 Worship Groups

9:00 - 9:30 Bible Half-Hour - E. Daryl Kent

9:40 - 11:40 Business - Committee Reports: Aged Ministers
Friends World Committee for Consultation
American Friends Board of Missions and United Society of Friends Women Reports

11:40 - 12:00 Devotions - T. Eugene Coffin

Afternoon

1:45 - 2:20 Concerns on Quaker Outreach
Norman E. Young, Chairman
Landrum R. Bolling, Speaker

2:30 - 4:00 Discussion Groups on Subject of the Day
Workshops

4:00 - 5:00 Open House - Friends Central Offices and Quaker Hill Residence

4:10 - 5:30 Representatives Meeting - Meetinghouse
Continuation Group on Crime and the Offender - Barrett Hall

EVENING

7:00 - 7:45	Piano Concert in Jones House, by Max Carr Meeting of Superintendents of Yearly Meetings
8:00 - 9:15	Panel on "Africa Today and Tomorrow," Lewis M. Hoskins, presiding. Panelists: Dr. Wilbur Beeson, James Thorp, Fred Reeve, Landrum R. Bolling, Solomon Adagala

TUESDAY

MORNING

8:00 - 8:50	Worship Groups
9:00 - 9:30	Bible Half-Hour - E. Daryl Kent
9:40 - 11:40	Business - Reports: Representatives; Treasurer Stewardship and Finance Quaker Men Peace and Social Concerns FCNL and AFSC
11:40 - 12:00	Devotions - Miriam Levering

AFTERNOON

1:00	Committee on Indian Affairs
1:45 - 2:20	Concerns on Human Relations - Board on Peace and Social Concerns Panel: Samuel R. Levering, J. Stuart Innerst, Edward F. Snyder, E. Raymond Wilson, Elmore Jackson, James Bristol
2:30 - 4:00	Discussion Groups on Subjects of the Day Workshops
4:10 - 5:30	Representatives Meeting - Meetinghouse
4:15	USFW Tea

EVENING

6:50 - 7:45	Quiet Spiritual Mission Teams - Meetinghouse

8:00 - 9:15 Music
Glenn A. Reece, presiding
Address - Edwin T. Dahlberg, "The Last Farthing"

WEDNESDAY

Morning

8:00 - 8:50 Worship Groups

9:00 - 9:30 Bible Half-Hour - E. Daryl Kent

9:40 - 11:40 Business - Reports:
Representatives
Trustees
Christian Education, with Elise Boulding
11:40 - 12:00 Devotions - Elise Boulding

Afternoon

1:45 - 2:30 Young Friends Presentation of Concerns

2:30 - 4:00 Discussion Groups on Subject of the Day
Workshops

4:10 - 5:30 Representatives Meeting

4:15 FWCC - Tea and Fellowship Hour

Evening

7:00 - 7:45 Chamber Music - Alard String Quartet - Goddard Auditorium

8:00 - 9:15 Panel of Overseas Friends on "World Issues Facing Friends," Dorothy G. Thorne, presiding. Wilfrid Littleboy, Panel Chairman.

THURSDAY

Morning

8:00 - 8:50 Worship Groups

9:00 - 9:30 Bible Half-Hour - E. Daryl Kent

9:40 - 11:40	Business - Reports: Representatives Fiduciary Corporation Children's Program Late Concerns from Workshops
11:40 - 12:00	Devotions - Robert E. Cope

Afternoon

1:45 - 2:20	General business meeting: Representatives report and recommendations Workshop reports
2:40 - 3:30	Boards and Committees organize and prepare reports to Executive Council
3:40 - 4:10	Executive Council - organization meeting
4:20	Final business session Report of Executive Council

Evening

6:50 - 7:45	Special Groups
7:30	Vesper Songs
8:00 - 9:15	Worship and Commitment Symposium: Highlights in the Program for next Five Years - Lorton Heusel, Wilmer A. Cooper, David E. Henley Recognition of Personnel - R. Ernest Lamb "Devotional Commitment" - Richard P. Newby, Speaker

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